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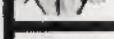

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THERE'S THAT BIG STIFF AGAIN, SHOWING OFF IN FRONT OF GRACE AND THE CROWD. WELL IT'S MY TURN THIS TIME!
WHAM! - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
OH, MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!

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HE'LL BRING A HANDSOME PRICE -- IF WE CAN TRACK HIM DOWN!
WE'LL FIND HIM! HE'S STILL HIDING IN THE STORE!
CHAPTER ONE
SACKER'S DEPARTMENT STORE
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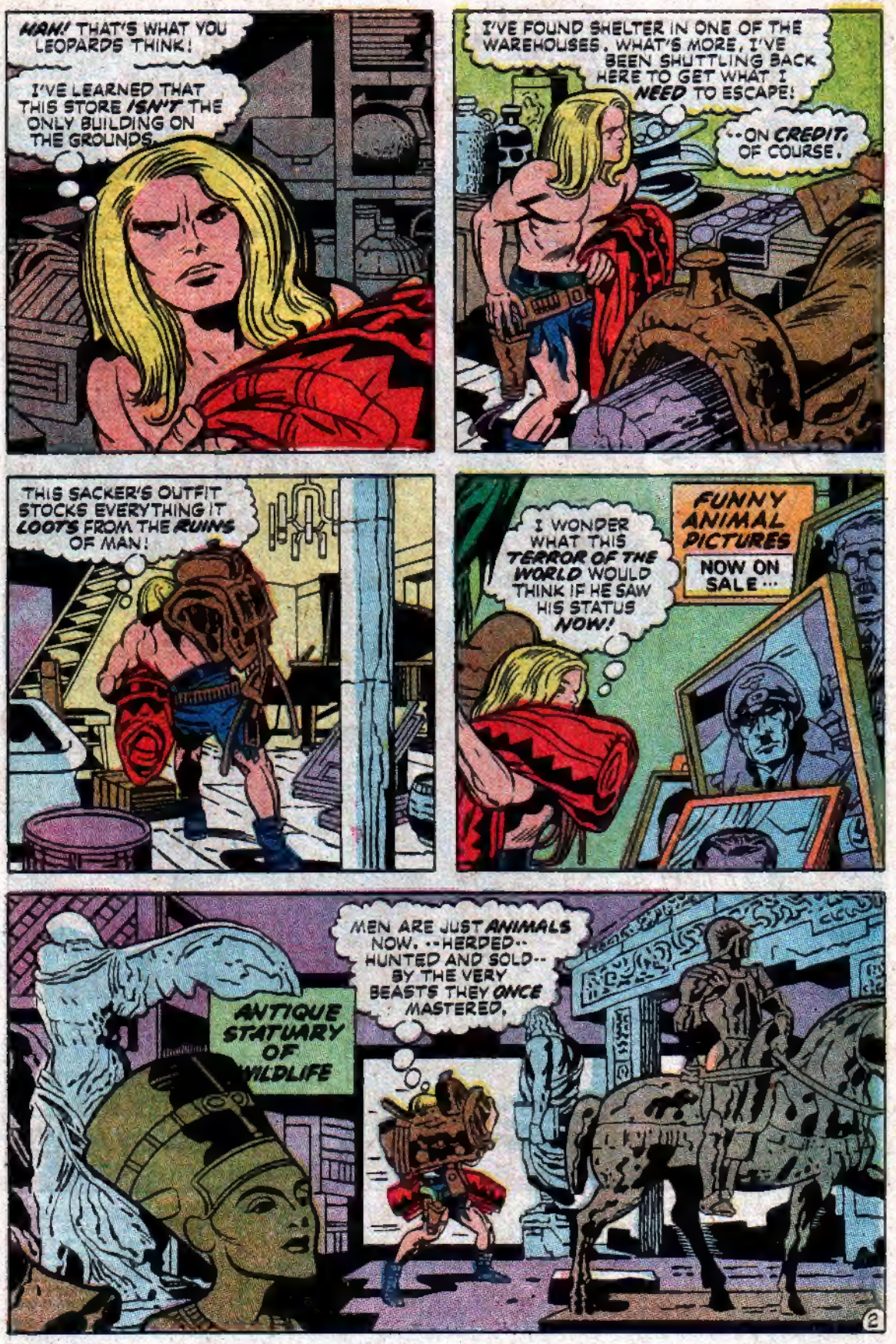
MAN! THAT'S WHAT YOU LEOPARDS THINK!
I'VE LEARNED THAT THIS STORE ISN'T THE ONLY BUILDING ON THE GROUNDS.
I'VE FOUND SHELTER IN ONE OF THE WAREHOUSES. WHAT'S MORE, I'VE BEEN SHUTTLING BACK HERE TO GET WHAT I NEED TO ESCAPE!
--ON CREDIT, OF COURSE.
THIS SACKER'S OUTFIT STOCKS EVERYTHING IT LOOTS FROM THE RUINS OF MAN!
I WONDER WHAT THIS TERROR OF THE WORLD WOULD THINK IF HE SAW HIS STATUS NOW!
FUNNY ANIMAL PICTURES
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MEN ARE JUST ANIMALS NOW. --HERDED-- HUNTED AND SOLD-- BY THE VERY BEASTS THEY ONCE MASTERED.
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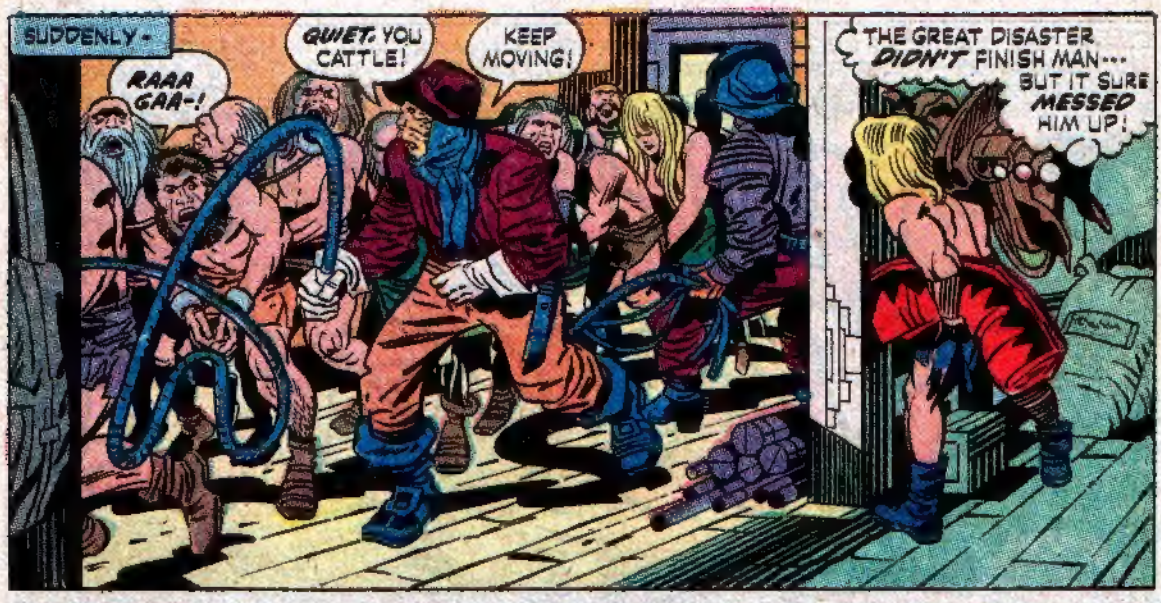
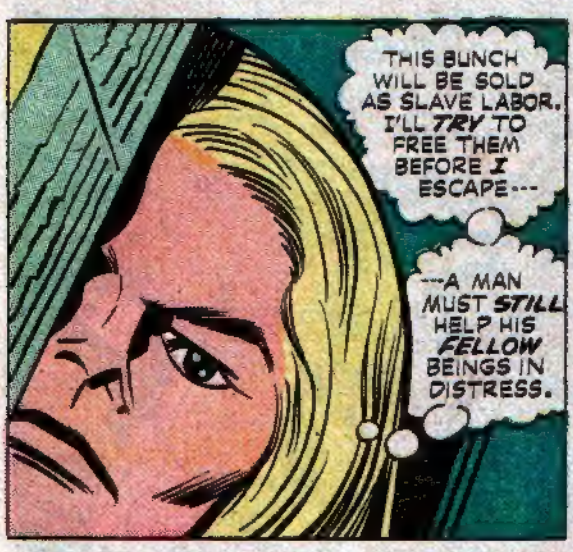
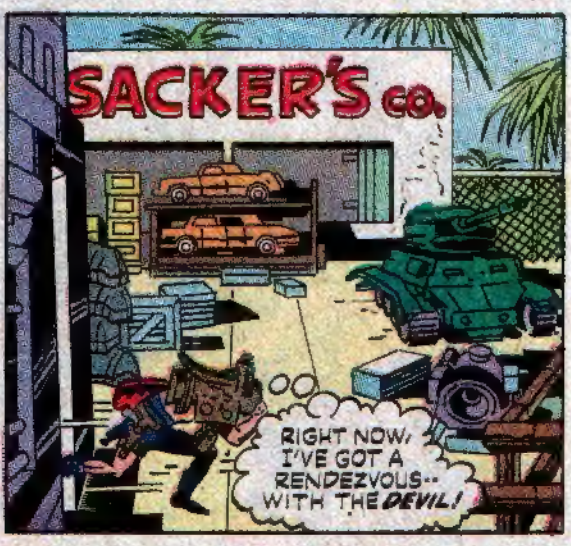

SUDDENLY-
RAAA GAA-!
QUIET, YOU CATTLE!
KEEP MOVING!
THE GREAT DISASTER DIDN'T FINISH MAN--- BUT IT SURE MESSED HIM UP!


THIS BUNCH WILL BE SOLD AS SLAVE LABOR. I'LL TRY TO FREE THEM BEFORE I ESCAPE---
---A MAN MUST STILL HELP HIS FELLOW BEINGS IN DISTRESS.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RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT A RENDEZVOUS-- WITH THE DEVIL!

IT WAS RISKY HIDING SOMETHING THAT BIG. IF MY LUCK HOLDS, HE'LL BE MY TICKET OUT OF HERE.
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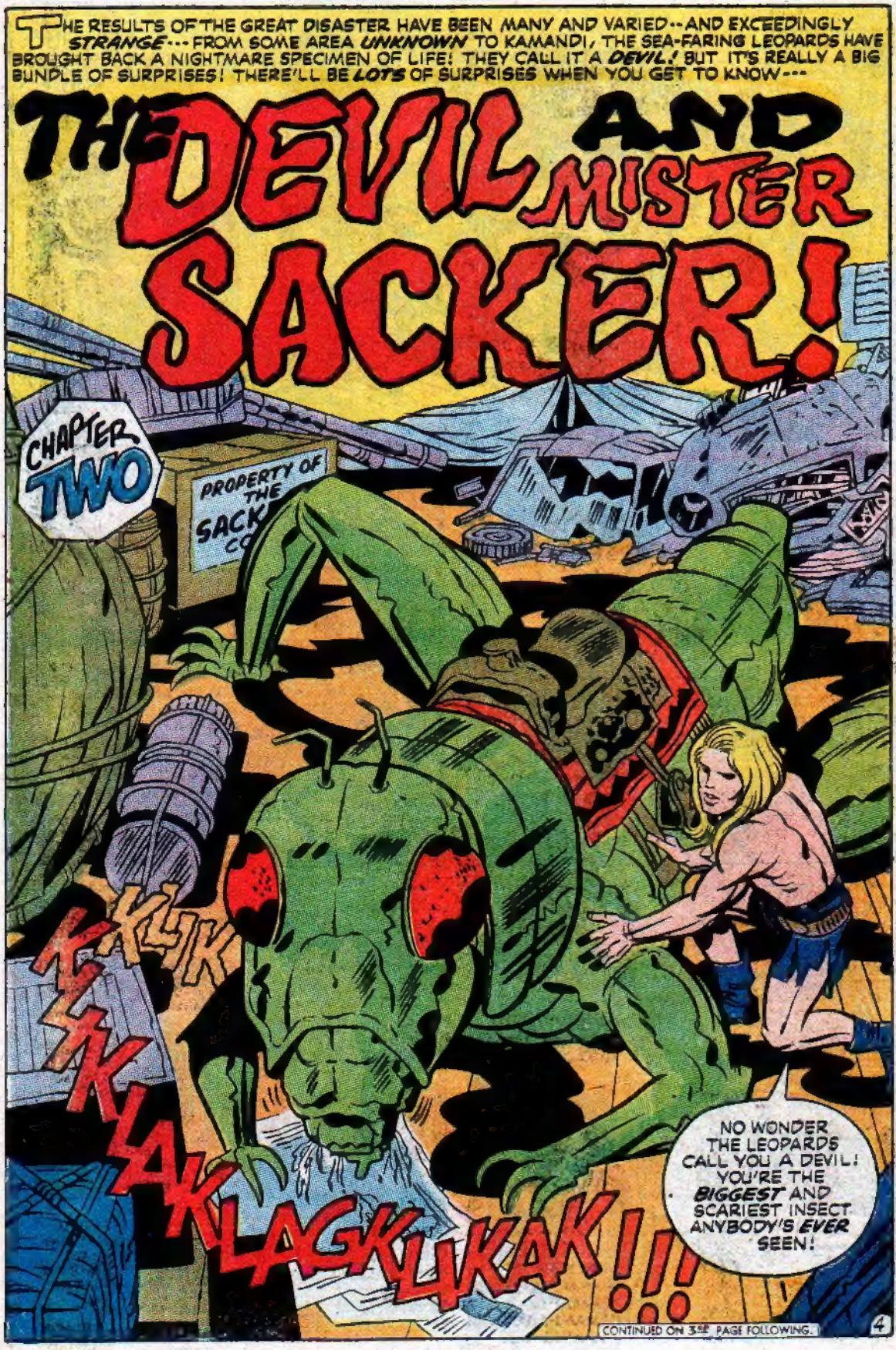
BUT LUCK CAN FAIL,TOO---
THERE HE IS! DON'T SHOOT! IT'S MISTER SACKER'S ORDER--
I HEARD YOU.


THE RESULTS OF THE GREAT DISASTER HAVE BEEN MANY AND VARIED--AND EXCEEDINGLY STRANGE--- FROM SOME AREA UNKNOWN TO KAMANDI, THE SEA-FARING LEOPARDS HAVE BROUGHT BACK A NIGHTMARE SPECIMEN OF LIFE! THEY CALL IT A DEVIL! BUT IT'S REALLY A BIG BUNDLE OF SURPRISES! THERE'LL BE LOTS OF SURPRISES WHEN YOU GET TO KNOW---
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PROPERTY OF THE SACK CO
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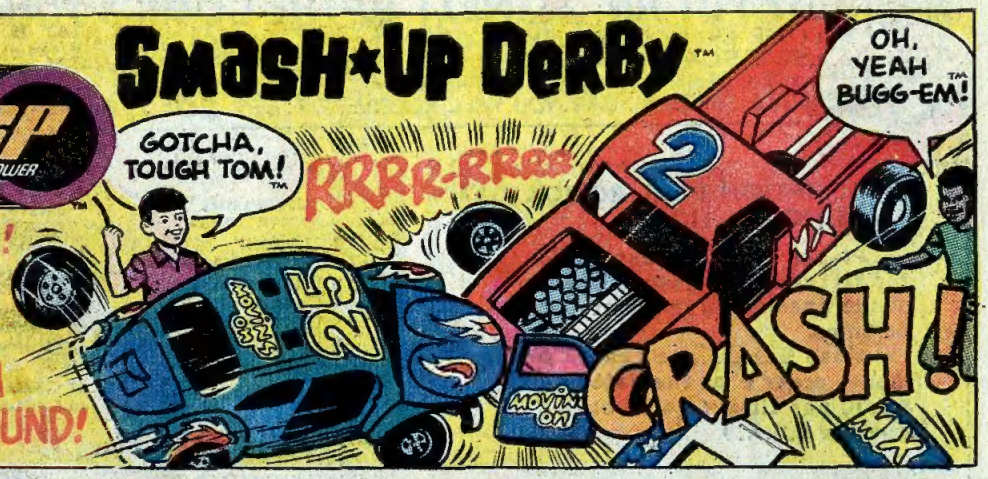

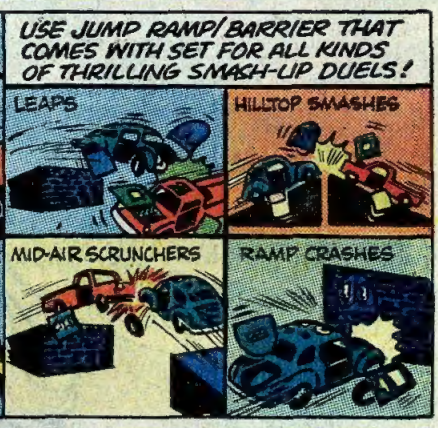
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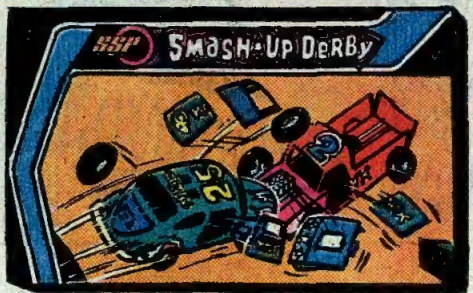

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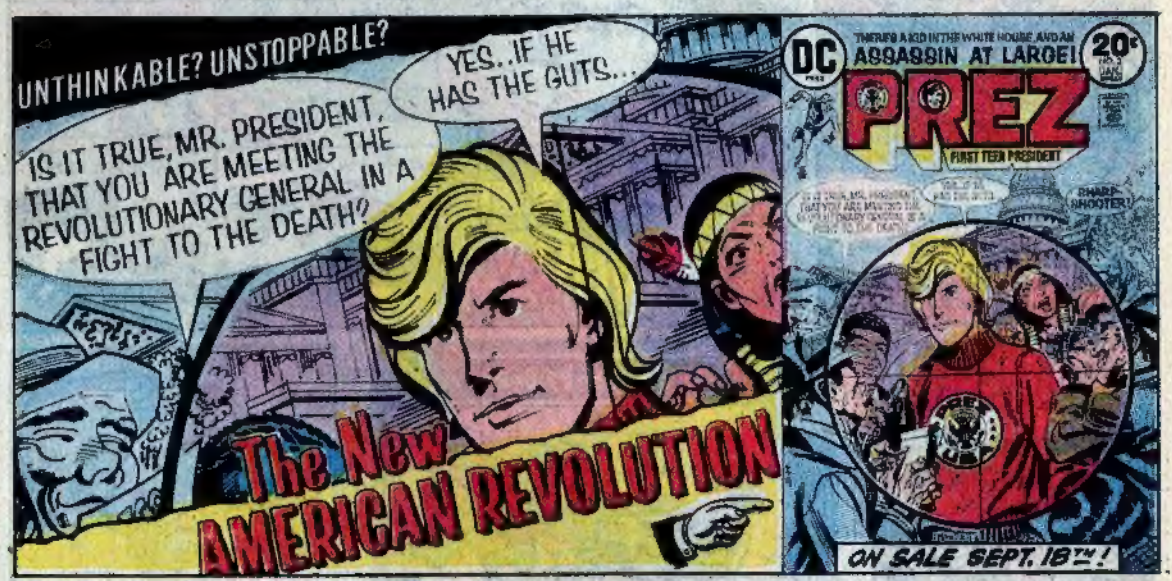
UNTHINKABLE? UNSTOPPABLE?
YES..IF HE HAS THE GUTS...
IS IT TRUE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU ARE MEETING THE REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH?
The New AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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THERE'S A KID IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AN ASSASSIN AT LARGE!
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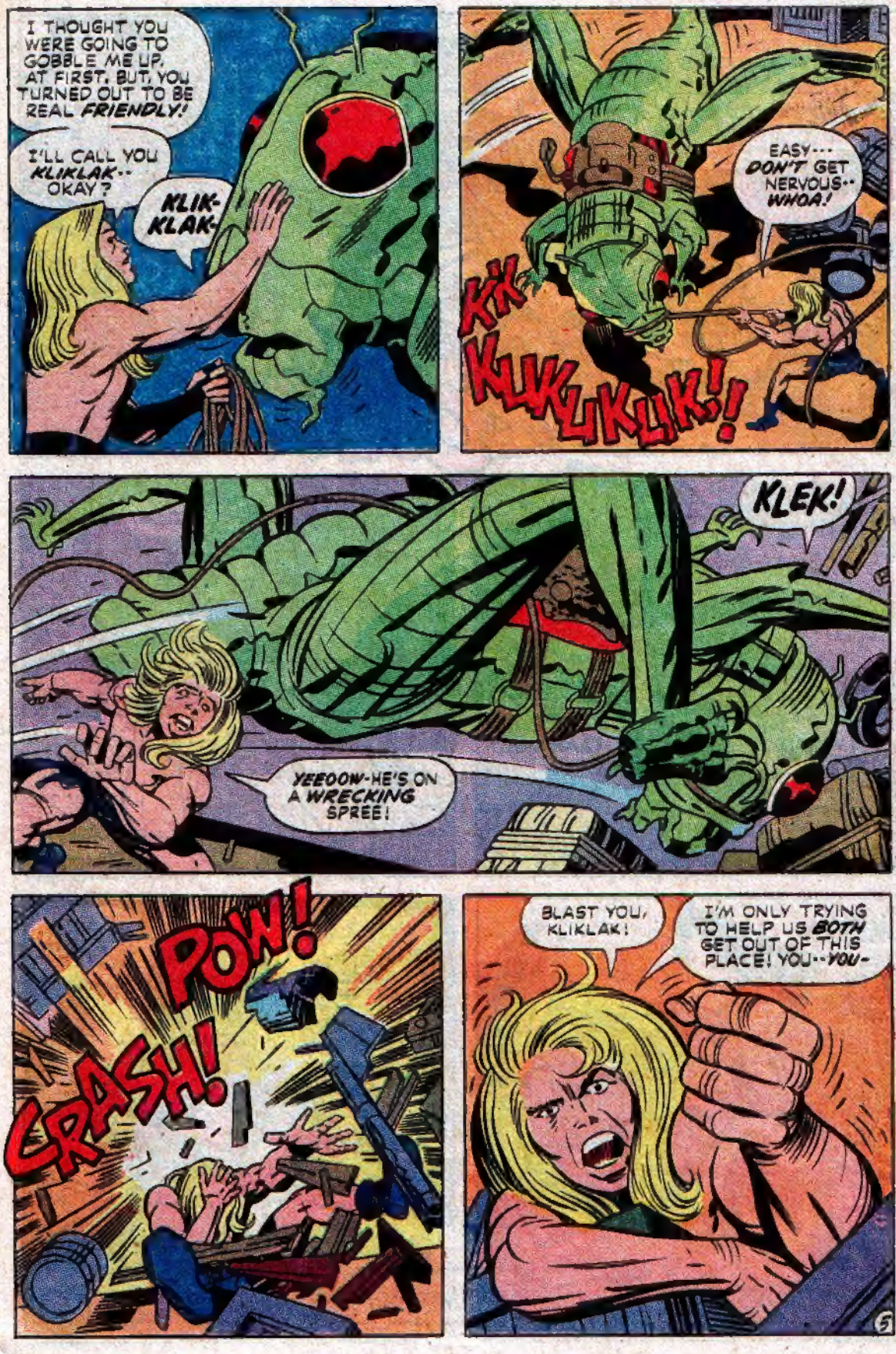
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GOBBLE ME UP, AT FIRST, BUT, YOU TURNED OUT TO BE REAL FRIENDLY!
I'LL CALL YOU KLIKLAK-- OKAY?
KLIK-KLAK-
EASY--- DON'T GET NERVOUS-- WHOA!
KIK KLIKLIKLIK!!
KLEK!
YEEOOW-HE'S ON A WRECKING SPREE!
POW!
CRASH!
BLAST YOU, KLIKLAK!
I'M ONLY TRYING TO HELP US BOTH GET OUT OF THIS PLACE! YOU--YOU-
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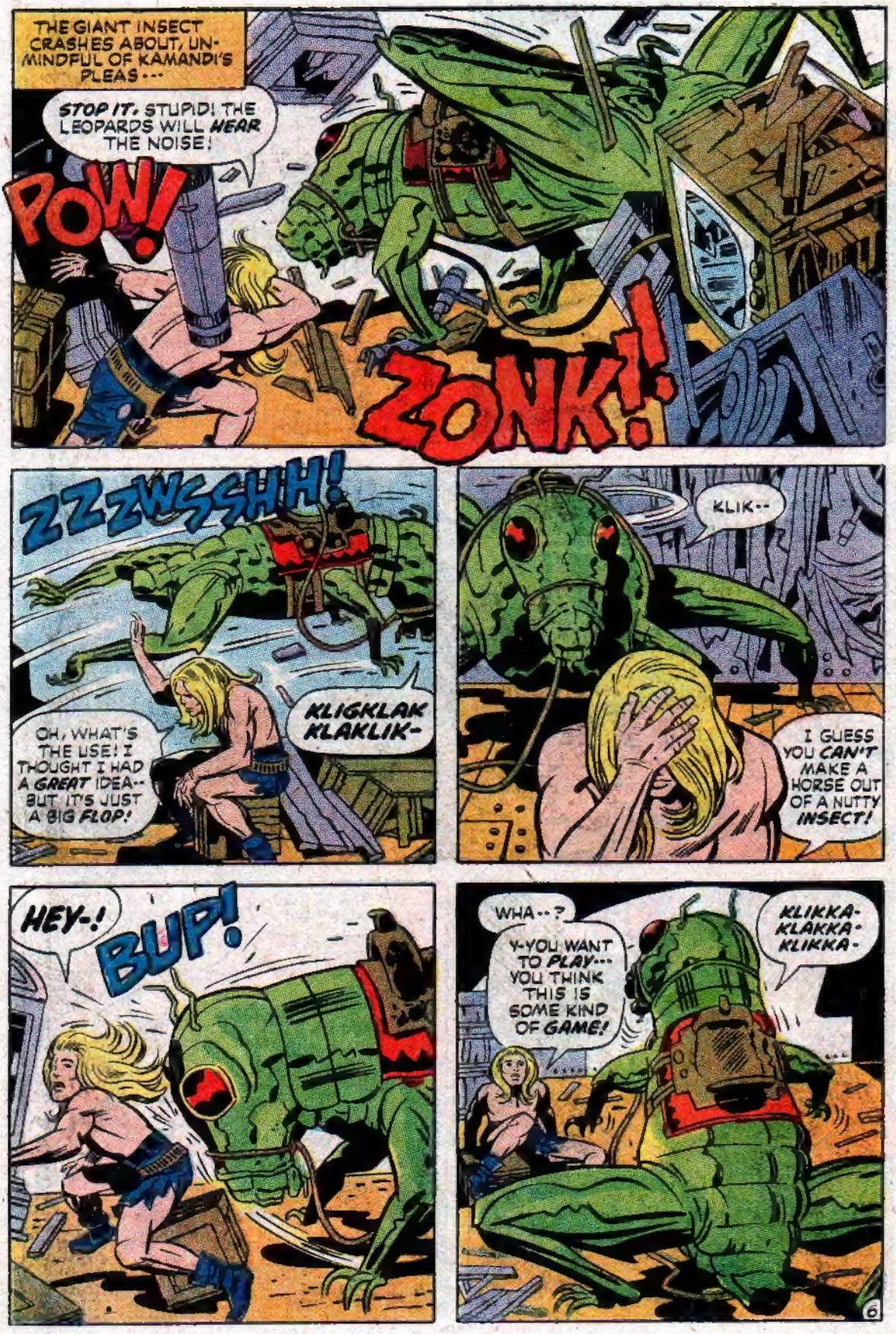
THE GIANT INSECT CRASHES ABOUT, UNMINDFUL OF KAMANDI'S PLEAS···
STOP IT, STUPID! THE LEOPARDS WILL HEAR THE NOISE!
POW!
ZONK!
ZZZWSSHH!
OH, WHAT'S THE USE! I THOUGHT I HAD A GREAT IDEA-- BUT IT'S JUST A BIG FLOP!
KLIGKLAK KLAKLIK-
KLIK--
I GUESS YOU CAN'T MAKE A HORSE OUT OF A NUTTY INSECT!
HEY-!
BUP!
WHA--?
Y-YOU WANT TO PLAY··· YOU THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF GAME!
KLIKKA-KLAKKA-KLIKKA-
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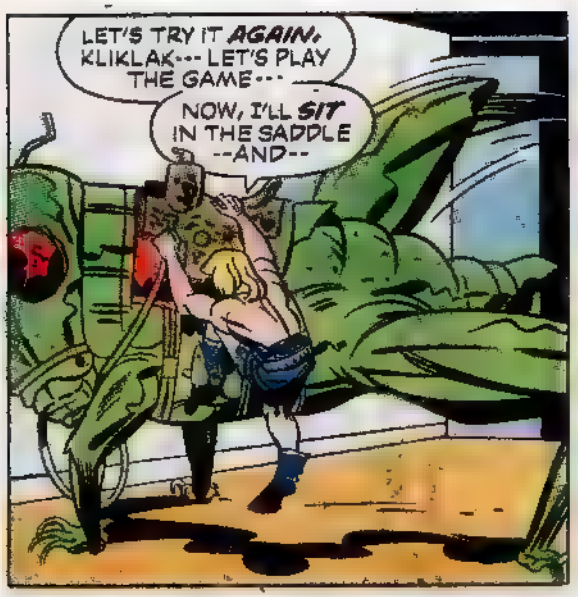
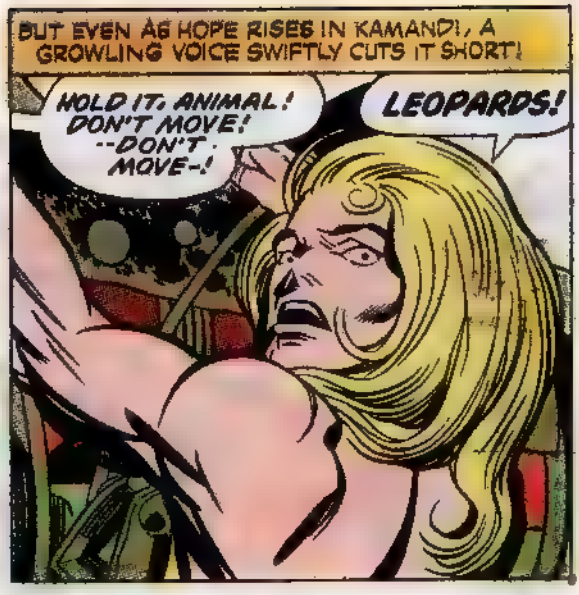
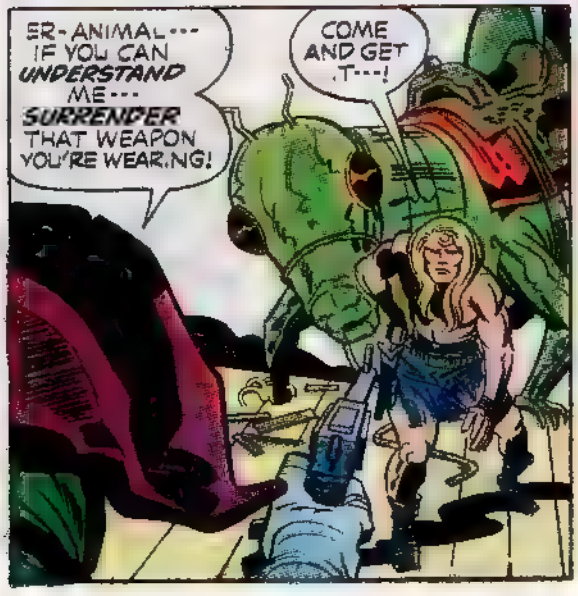
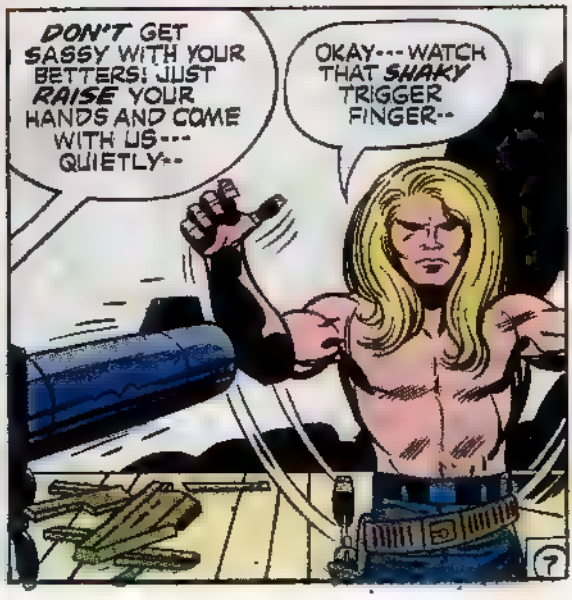

LET'S TRY IT AGAIN, KLIKLAK--- LET'S PLAY THE GAME---
NOW, I'LL SIT IN THE SADDLE --AND--


BUT EVEN AS HOPE RISES IN KAMANDI, A GROWLING VOICE SWIFTLY CUTS IT SHORT!
HOLD IT, ANIMAL! DON'T MOVE! --DON'T MOVE--!
LEOPARDS!

THE ANIMAL TALKS!
YEAH--MISTER SACKER SAYS SOME OF THEM ARE PRETTY INTELLIGENT!
I-IT SURE IS SPOOKY!


ER-ANIMAL--- IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME--- SURRENDER THAT WEAPON YOU'RE WEARING!
COME AND GET IT---!


DON'T GET SASSY WITH YOUR BETTERS! JUST RAISE YOUR HANDS AND COME WITH US--- QUIETLY--
OKAY--- WATCH THAT SHAKY TRIGGER FINGER--
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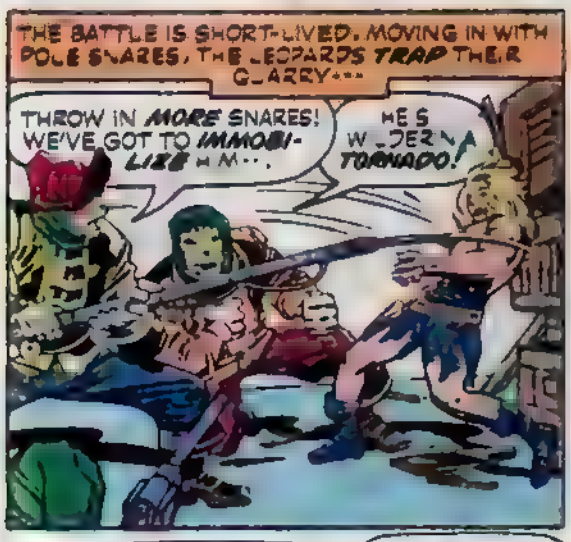
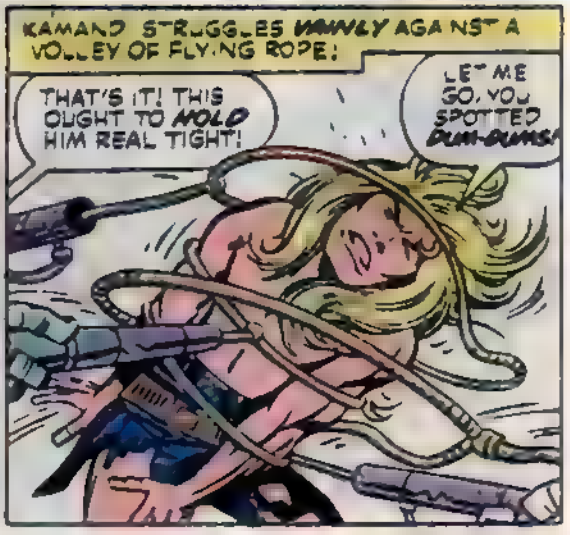
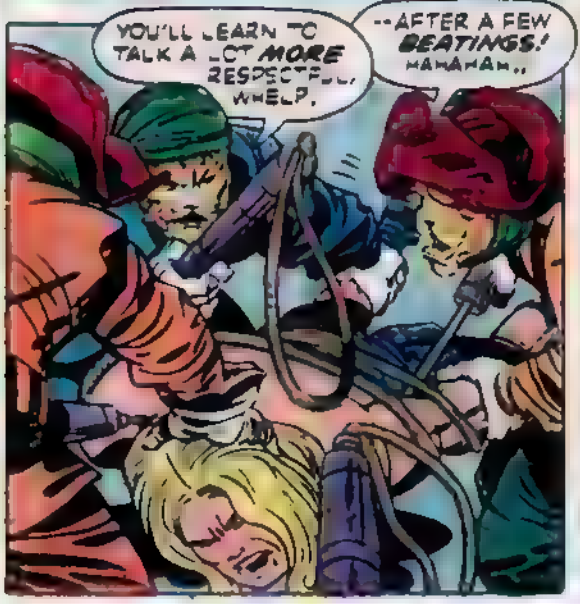
AS KAMANDI'S CAPTORS CLOSE IN···
HOLD STILL!
GOT HIM.

KAMANDI STRIKES.
ZOFFOOWW!
NOT SO FAS—:


THE BATTLE IS SHORT-LIVED. MOVING IN WITH POLE SNARES, THE LEOPARDS TRAP THEIR QUARRY···
THROW IN MORE SNARES! WE'VE GOT TO IMMOBILIZE HIM···
HE'S WILDER THAN A TORNADO!


KAMANDI STRUGGLES MANFULLY AGAINST A VOLLEY OF FLYING ROPE!
THAT'S IT! THIS OUGHT TO HOLD HIM REAL TIGHT!
LET ME GO, YOU SPOTTED DUM-DUMS!


YOU'LL LEARN TO TALK A LOT MORE RESPECTFUL, WHELP.
--AFTER A FEW BEATINGS! HAHAHAH..

NOW THAT HE'S WRAPPED FOR DELIVERY, TAKE CARE OF THE DEVIL!
SHOVE THE POLES AT HIM! PUT PLENTY OF REPELLENT POWDER ON 'EM!
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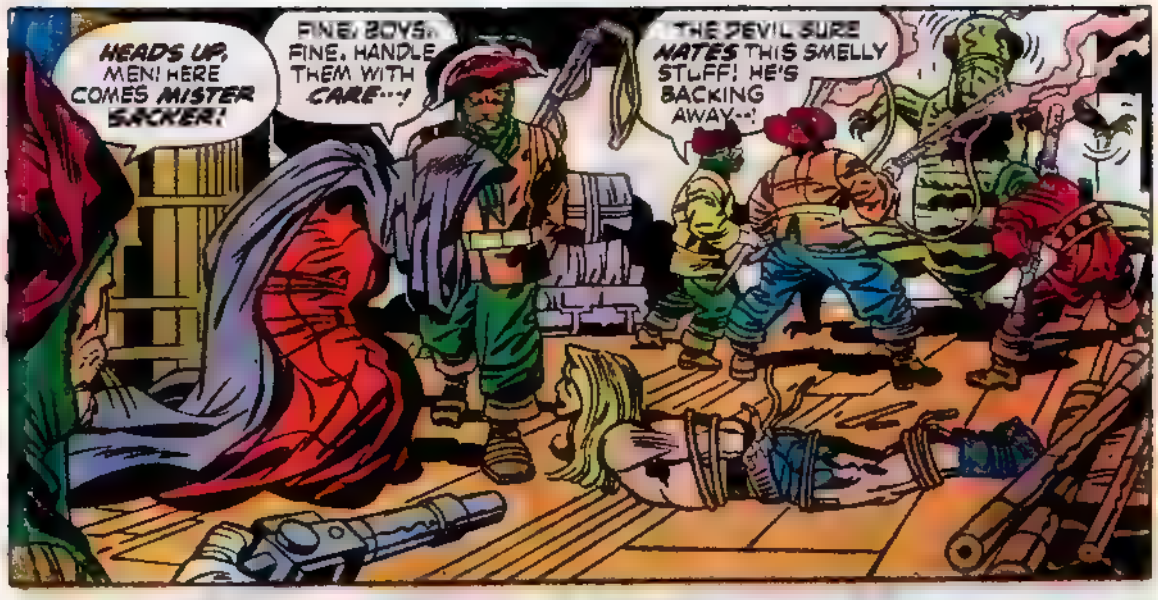
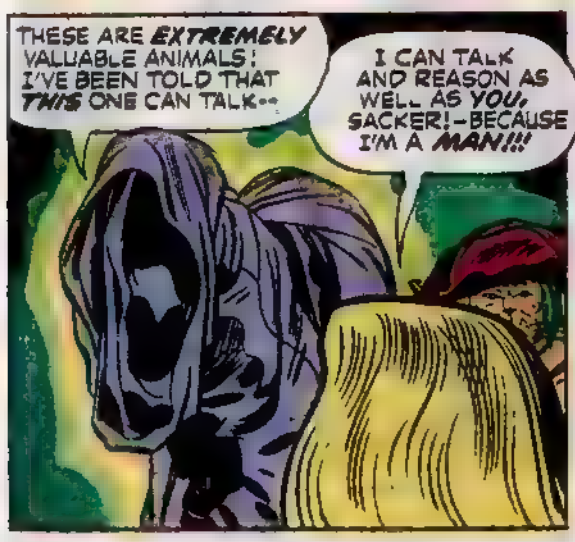
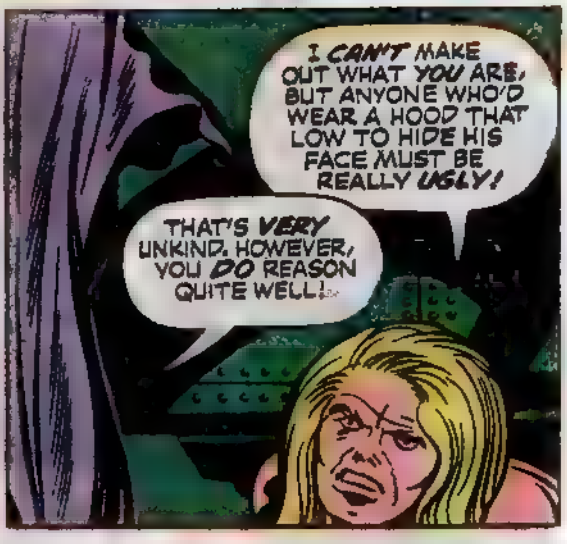
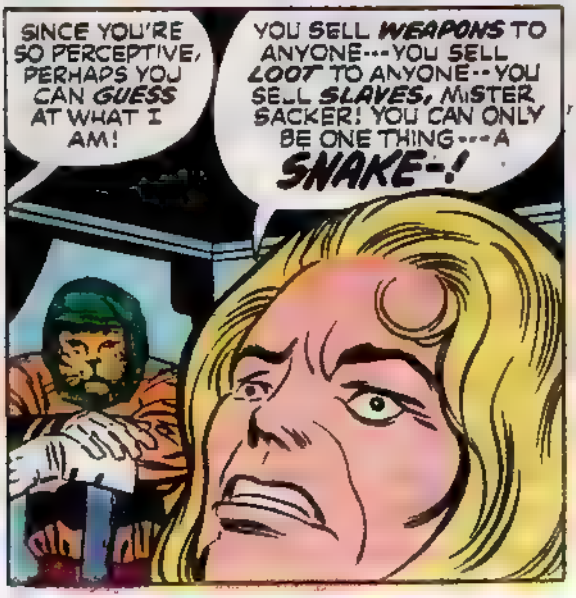
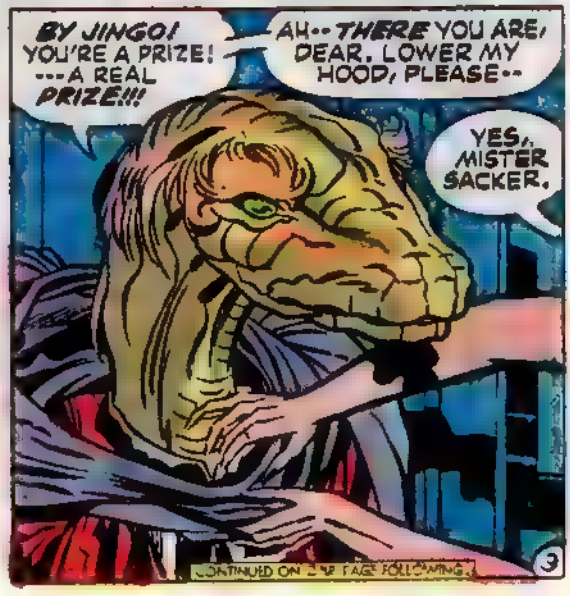

HEADS UP, MEN! HERE COMES MISTER SACKER!
FINE, BOYS. FINE. HANDLE THEM WITH CARE--!
THE DEVIL SURE HATES THIS SMELLY STUFF! HE'S BACKING AWAY--!


THESE ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE ANIMALS! I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THIS ONE CAN TALK--
I CAN TALK AND REASON AS WELL AS YOU, SACKER!--BECAUSE I'M A MAN!!!


I CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT YOU ARE, BUT ANYONE WHO'D WEAR A HOOD THAT LOW TO HIDE HIS FACE MUST BE REALLY UGLY!
THAT'S VERY UNKIND. HOWEVER, YOU DO REASON QUITE WELL!


SINCE YOU'RE SO PERCEPTIVE, PERHAPS YOU CAN GUESS AT WHAT I AM!
YOU SELL WEAPONS TO ANYONE--YOU SELL LOOT TO ANYONE--YOU SELL SLAVES, MISTER SACKER! YOU CAN ONLY BE ONE THING--A SNAKE-!


BY JINGO! YOU'RE A PRIZE! --A REAL PRIZE!!!
AH--THERE YOU ARE, DEAR. LOWER MY HOOD, PLEASE--
YES, MISTER SACKER.
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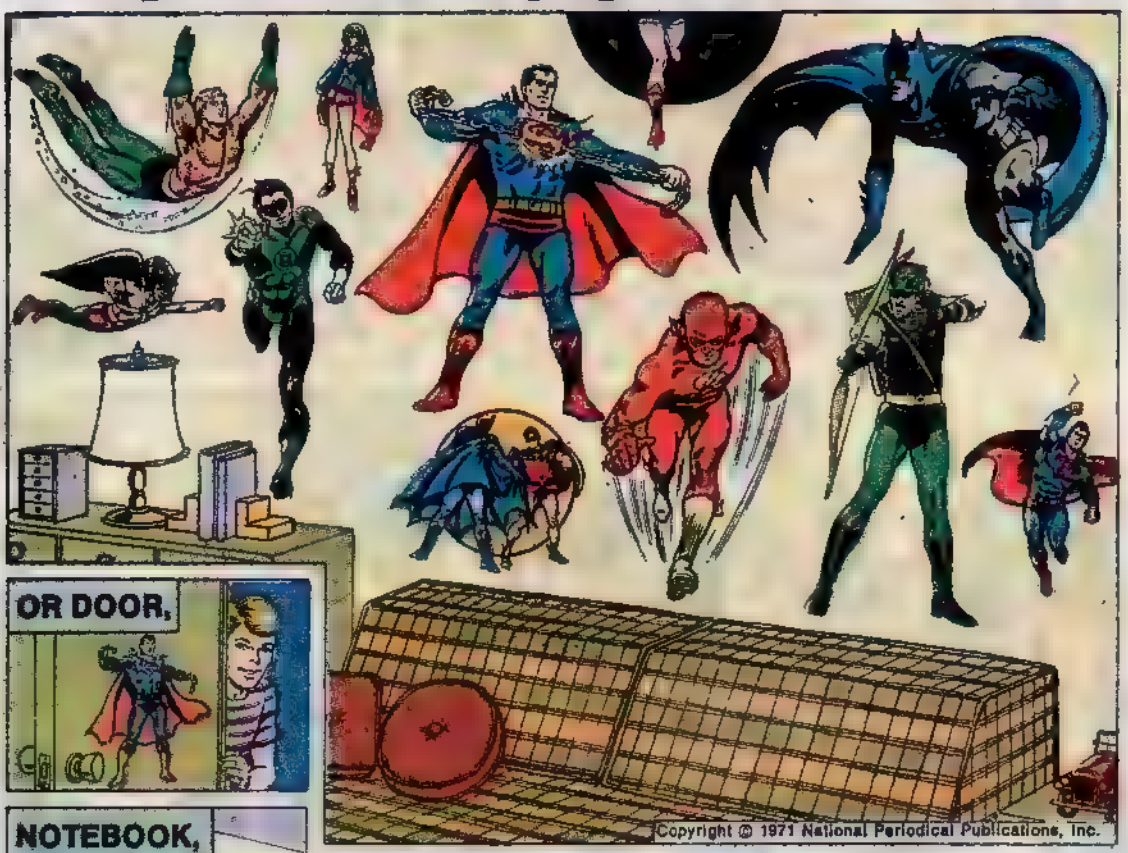

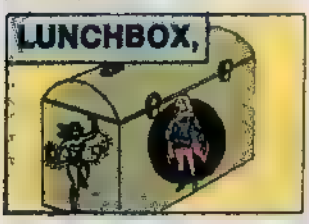

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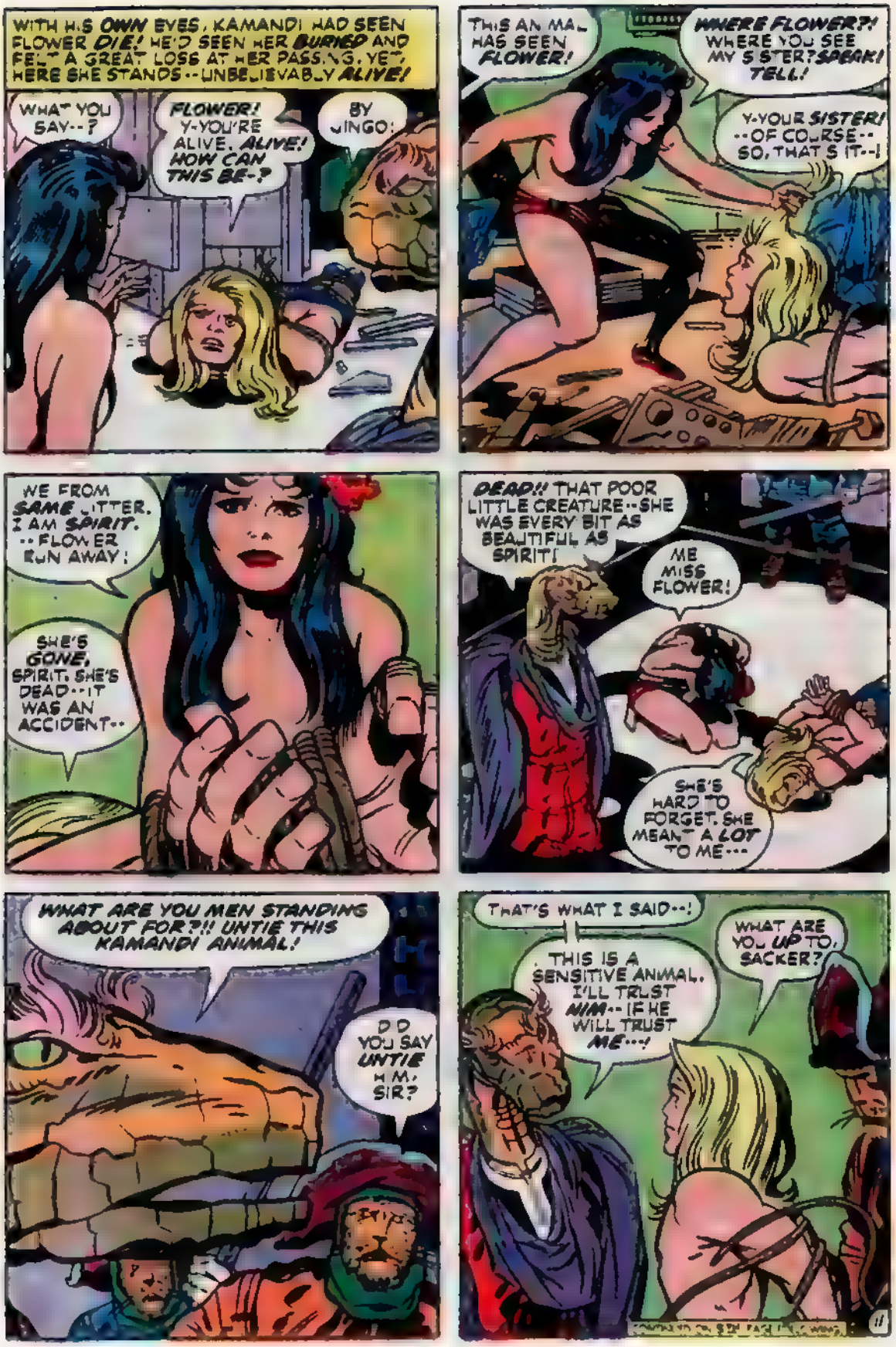
THAT'S A GOOD PET--- THANK YOU, DEAR.

THERE, MISTER SACKER. HOOD NICE AND *TIDY* NOW.

NO! NO--! SHE CAN'T BE REAL-- *SHE CAN'T BE--* **FLOWER! FLOWER!**


WITH HIS OWN EYES, KAMANDI HAD SEEN FLOWER DIE! HE'D SEEN HER BURIED AND FELT A GREAT LOSS AT HER PASSING. YET, HERE SHE STANDS--UNBELIEVABLY ALIVE!
WHAT YOU SAY--?
FLOWER! Y-YOU'RE ALIVE. ALIVE! HOW CAN THIS BE-?
BY JINGO!
THIS AN MAL HAS SEEN FLOWER!
WHERE FLOWER?! WHERE YOU SEE MY SISTER? SPEAK! TELL!
Y-YOUR SISTER! --OF COURSE-- SO, THAT'S IT--!
WE FROM SAME LITTER. I AM SPIRIT. --FLOWER RUN AWAY!
SHE'S GONE, SPIRIT. SHE'S DEAD--IT WAS AN ACCIDENT--
DEAD!! THAT POOR LITTLE CREATURE--SHE WAS EVERY BIT AS BEAUTIFUL AS SPIRIT!
ME MISS FLOWER!
SHE'S HARD TO FORGET. SHE MEANT A LOT TO ME---
WHAT ARE YOU MEN STANDING ABOUT FOR?!! UNTIE THIS KAMANDI ANIMAL!
DID YOU SAY UNTIE HIM, SIR?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID--!
THIS IS A SENSITIVE ANIMAL. I'LL TRUST HIM--IF HE WILL TRUST ME---!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, SACKER?
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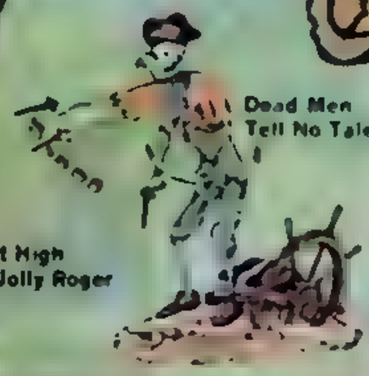

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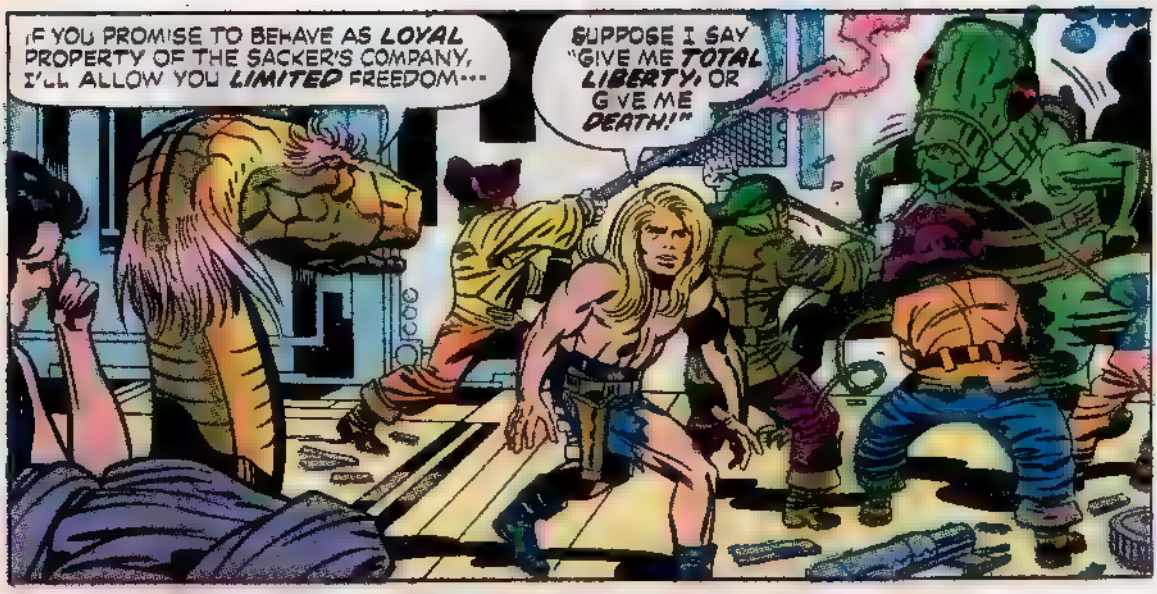
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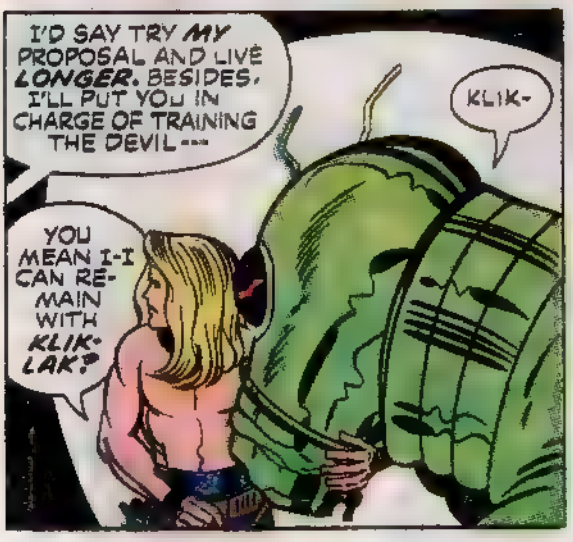
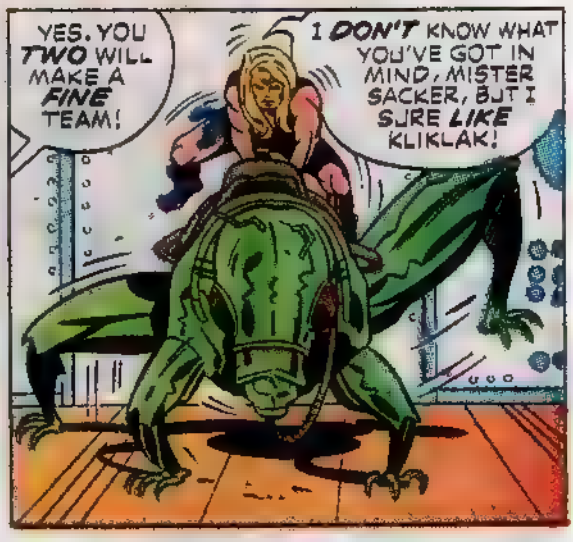
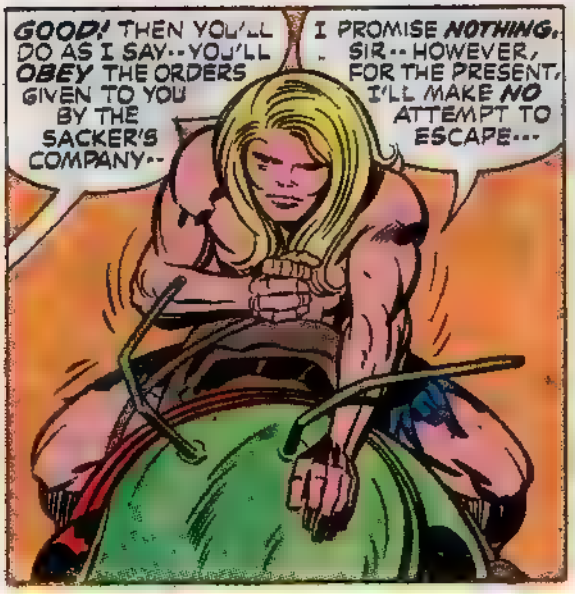
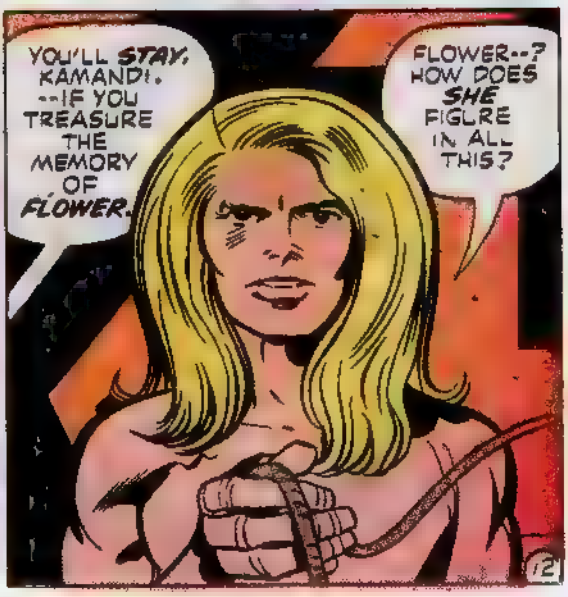
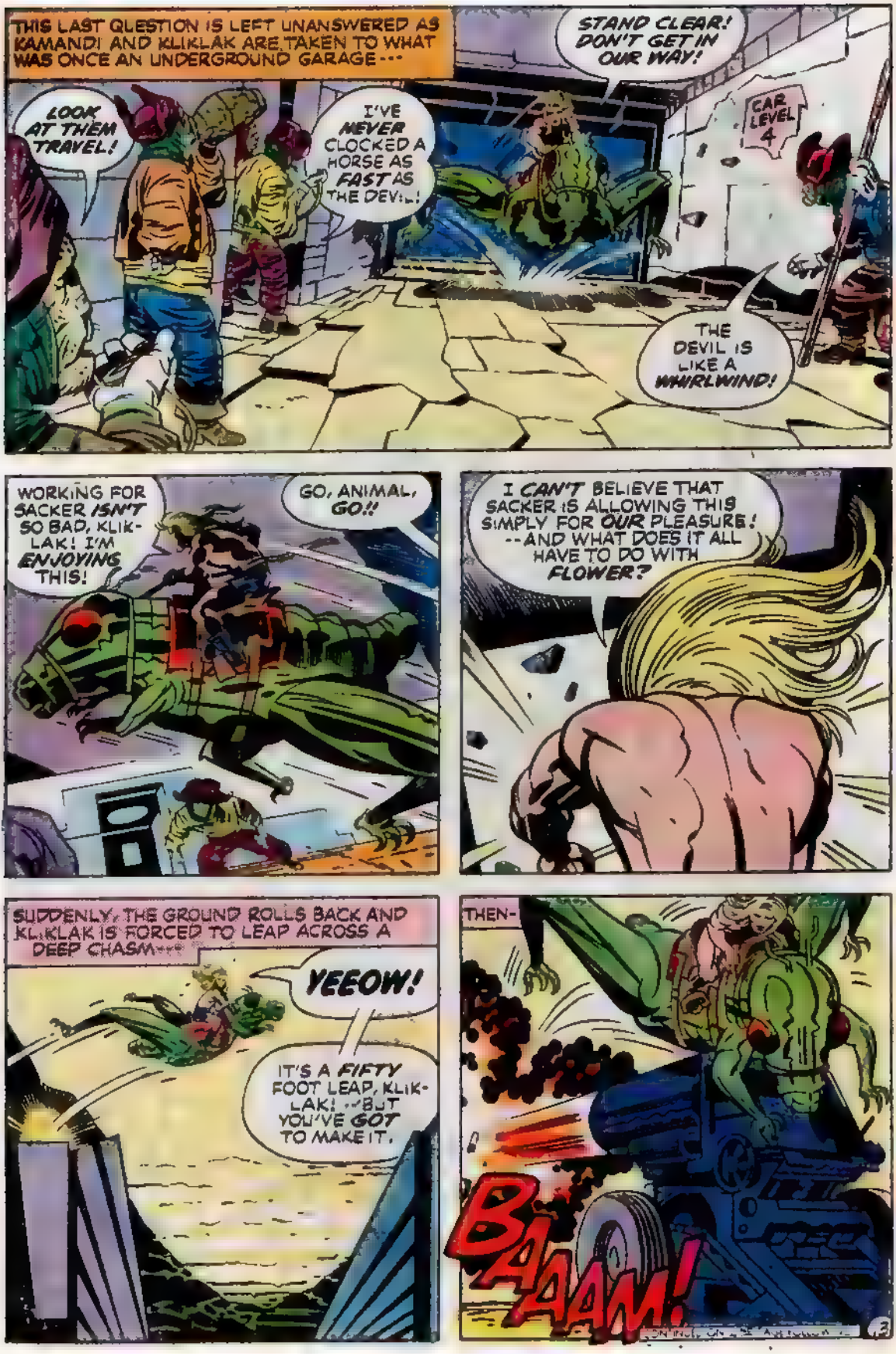
SUPPOSE I SAY "GIVE ME TOTAL LIBERTY, OR G VE ME DEATH!"

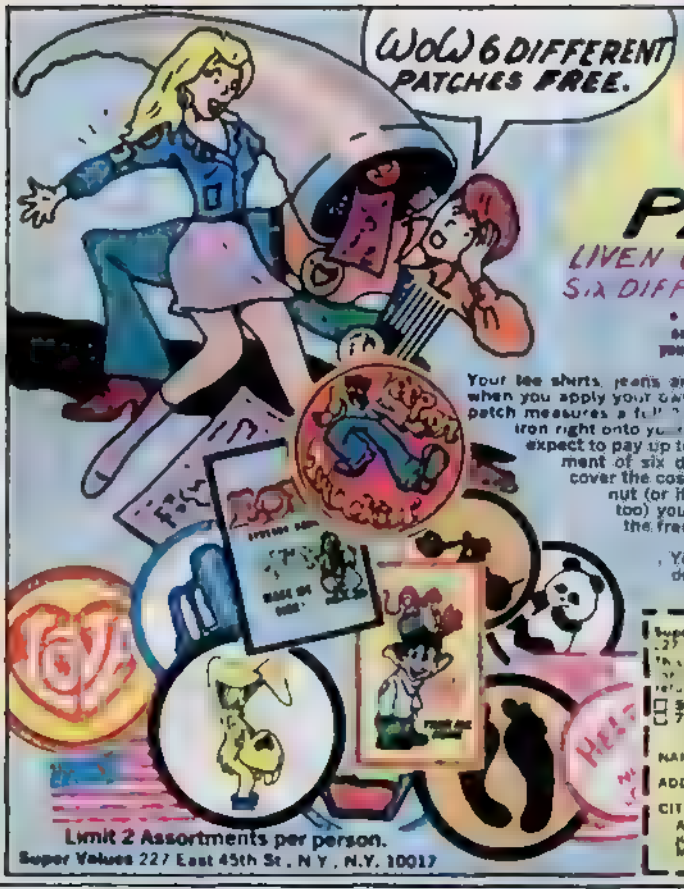

I'D SAY TRY MY PROPOSAL AND LIVE LONGER. BESIDES, I'LL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF TRAINING THE DEVIL---
KLIK-
YOU MEAN I-I CAN RE-MAIN WITH KLIK-LAK?


YES. YOU TWO WILL MAKE A FINE TEAM!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN MIND, MISTER SACKER, BUT I SURE LIKE KLIKLAK!


GOOD! THEN YOU'LL DO AS I SAY--YOU'LL OBEY THE ORDERS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE SACKER'S COMPANY--
I PROMISE NOTHING, SIR--HOWEVER, FOR THE PRESENT, I'LL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE---


YOU'LL STAY, KAMAND!. --IF YOU TREASURE THE MEMORY OF FLOWER.
FLOWER--? HOW DOES SHE FIGURE IN ALL THIS?


THIS LAST QUESTION IS LEFT UNANSWERED AS KAMANDI AND KLIKLAK ARE TAKEN TO WHAT WAS ONCE AN UNDERGROUND GARAGE---
LOOK AT THEM TRAVEL!
I'VE NEVER CLOCKED A HORSE AS FAST AS THE DEVIL!
STAND CLEAR! DON'T GET IN OUR WAY!
CAR LEVEL 4
THE DEVIL IS LIKE A WHIRLWIND!
WORKING FOR SACKER ISN'T SO BAD, KLIK-LAK! I'M ENJOYING THIS!
GO, ANIMAL, GO!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SACKER IS ALLOWING THIS SIMPLY FOR OUR PLEASURE! --AND WHAT DOES IT ALL HAVE TO DO WITH FLOWER?
SUDDENLY, THE GROUND ROLLS BACK AND KLIKLAK IS FORCED TO LEAP ACROSS A DEEP CHASM---
YEEOW!
IT'S A FIFTY FOOT LEAP, KLIK-LAK! --BUT YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE IT.
THEN-
BAAAM!



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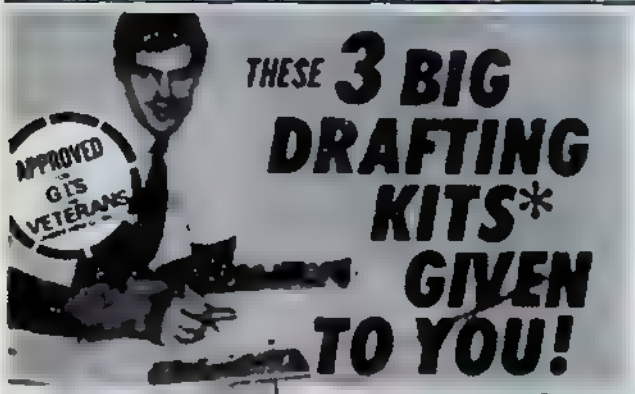

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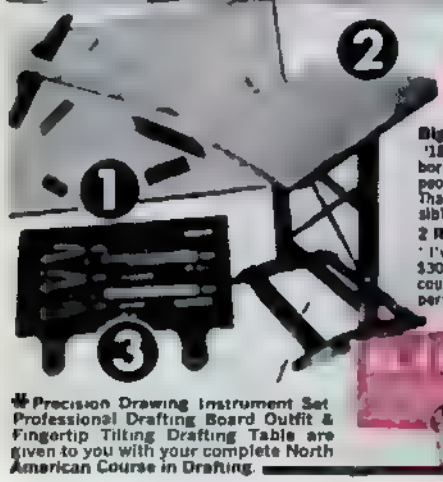

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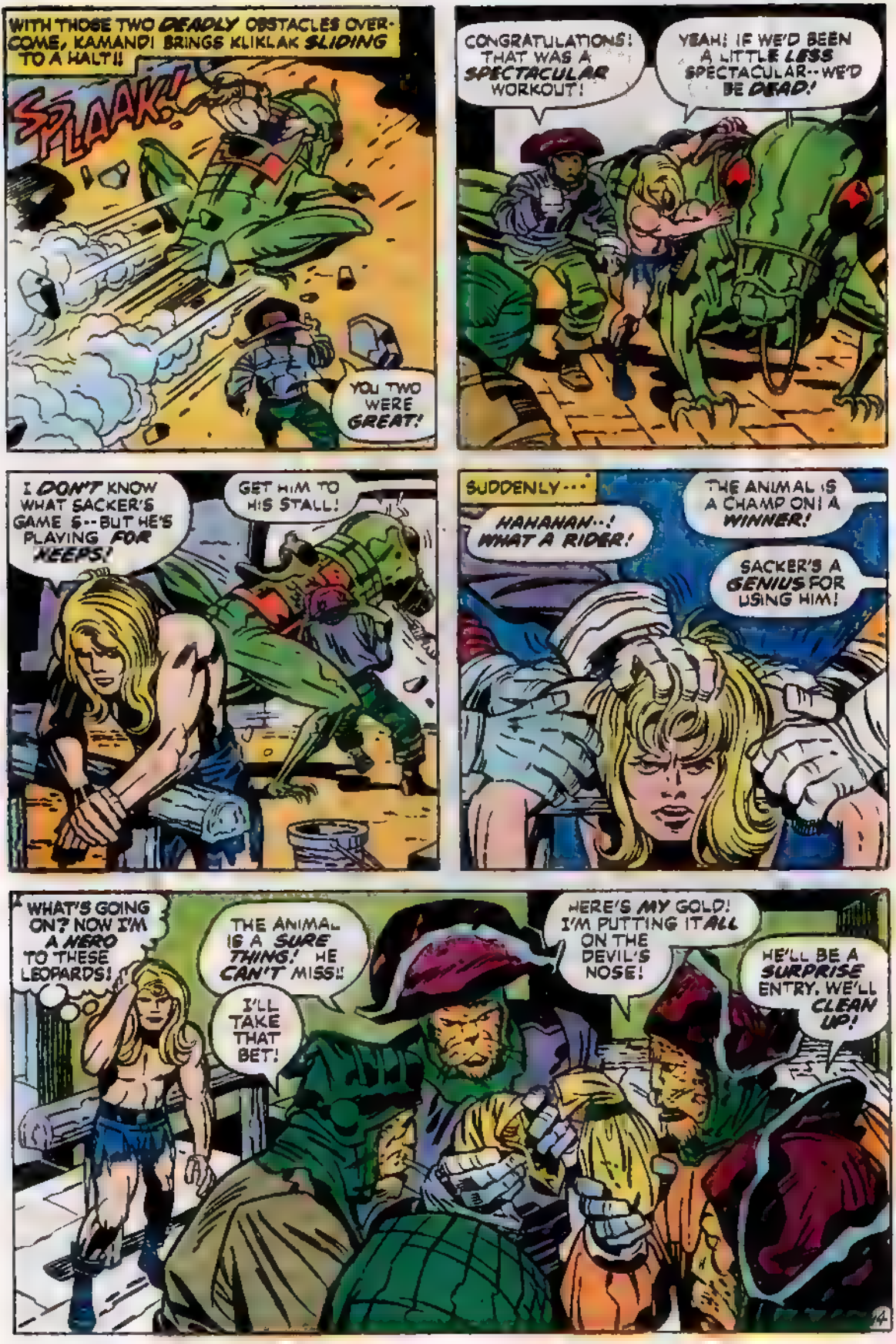
WITH THOSE TWO DEADLY OBSTACLES OVERCOME, KAMANDI BRINGS KLIKLAK SLIDING TO A HALT!!
SPLAAK!
YOU TWO WERE GREAT!
CONGRATULATIONS! THAT WAS A SPECTACULAR WORKOUT!
YEAH! IF WE'D BEEN A LITTLE LESS SPECTACULAR--WE'D BE DEAD!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SACKER'S GAME IS--BUT HE'S PLAYING FOR KEEPS!
GET HIM TO HIS STALL!
SUDDENLY...
HAHAHAH--! WHAT A RIDER!
THE ANIMAL IS A CHAMP ON! A WINNER!
SACKER'S A GENIUS FOR USING HIM!
WHAT'S GOING ON? NOW I'M A HERO TO THESE LEOPARDS!
THE ANIMAL IS A SURE THING! HE CAN'T MISS!!
I'LL TAKE THAT BET!
HERE'S MY GOLD! I'M PUTTING IT ALL ON THE DEVIL'S NOSE!
HE'LL BE A SURPRISE ENTRY. WE'LL CLEAN UP!

AT THAT MOMENT, SPIRIT APPEARS···
KAMANDI -- NOW IS FEEDING TIME--
TIME TO SLOP THE HOGS, EH? DO WE EAT OUT OF PAILS OR A TROUGH?
FEEDING PLACE HERE, ON MALL. NO GUARDS WATCH US,
SO, THAT OLD SNAKE ALLOWS HIS PETS AN "HONOR SYSTEM."
KENNEL
CAFETERIA
MISTER SACKER GOOD. HE TRAIN AN MALS SO THEY TALK, LEARN, WORK--
--FOR FUN AND PROFIT, NO DOUBT--!
GRUEL
WATER
HE NOT BEAT US, LIKE LEOPARDS. DO -- HE LIKE ME AND FLOWER···
HUH: IS THAT WHY FLOWER RAN AWAY?
FLOWER UNHAPPY, BULL BANTAM WANT HER. SHE HATE HIM -- HE BEAT HER--
SO THAT'S THE STORY. POOR FLOWER. SHE NEVER HAD A CHANCE.
TELL ME -- WHAT DID YOUR FRIEND, BENEVOLENT BOSS SACKER THINK ABOUT ALL THIS?
MISTER SACKER DO NOTHING. BULL BANTAM HAS PEDIGREE-- HE WELL-TRAINED PRIZE PROPERTY···
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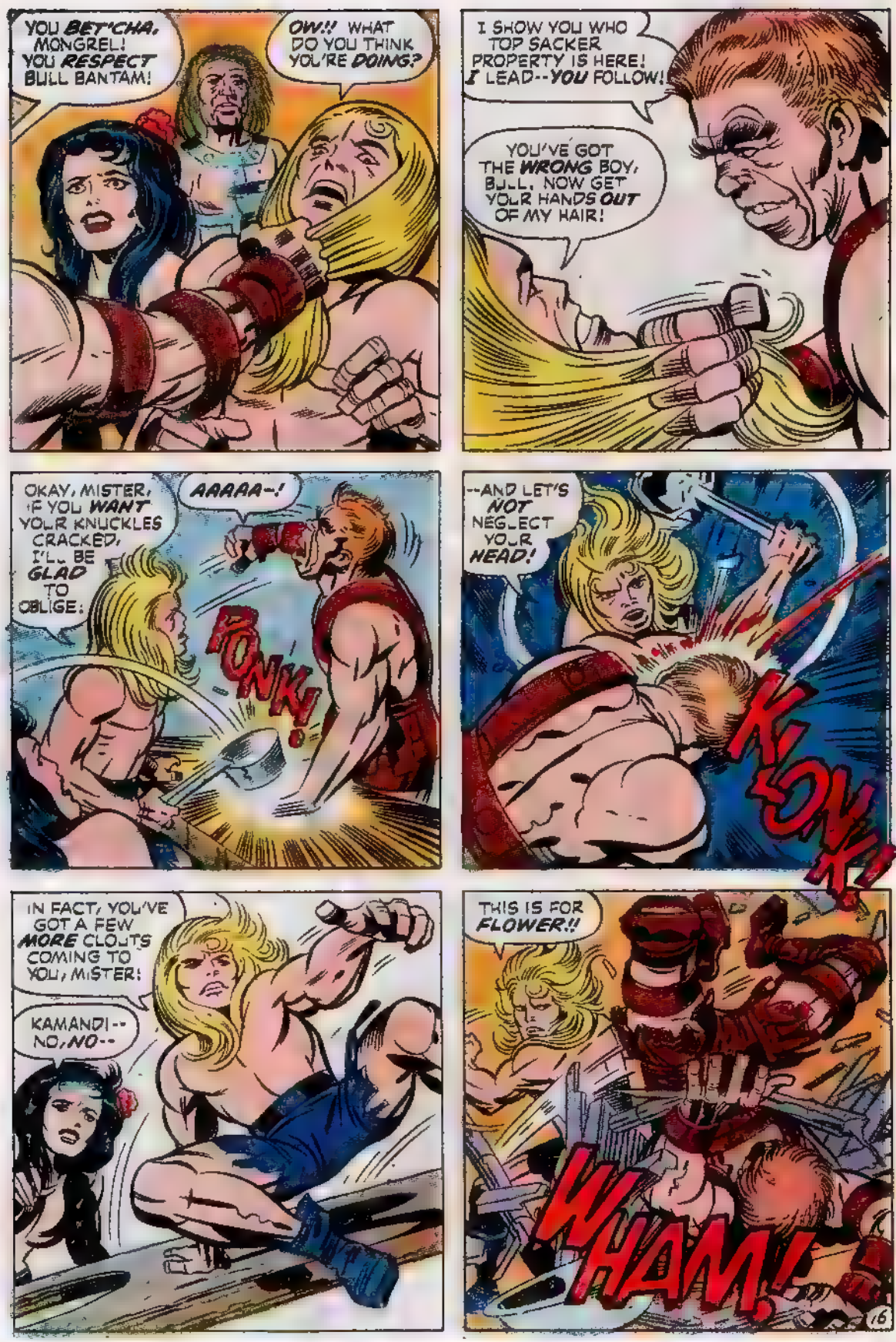
YOU BET'CHA, MONGREL! YOU RESPECT BULL BANTAM!
OW!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
I SHOW YOU WHO TOP SACKER PROPERTY IS HERE! I LEAD--YOU FOLLOW!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG BOY, BULL. NOW GET YOUR HANDS OUT OF MY HAIR!
OKAY, MISTER, IF YOU WANT YOUR KNUCKLES CRACKED, I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE:
AAAAA-!
KONK!
--AND LET'S NOT NEGLECT YOUR HEAD!
KONK!
IN FACT, YOU'VE GOT A FEW MORE CLOUTS COMING TO YOU, MISTER!
KAMANDI-- NO, NO--
THIS IS FOR FLOWER!!
WHAM!
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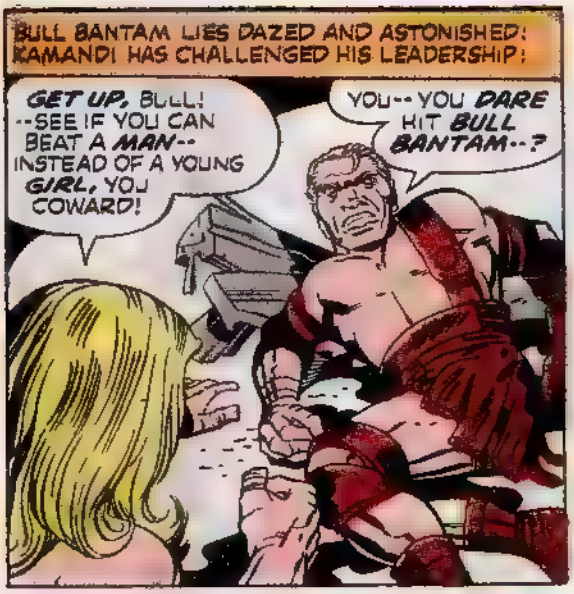
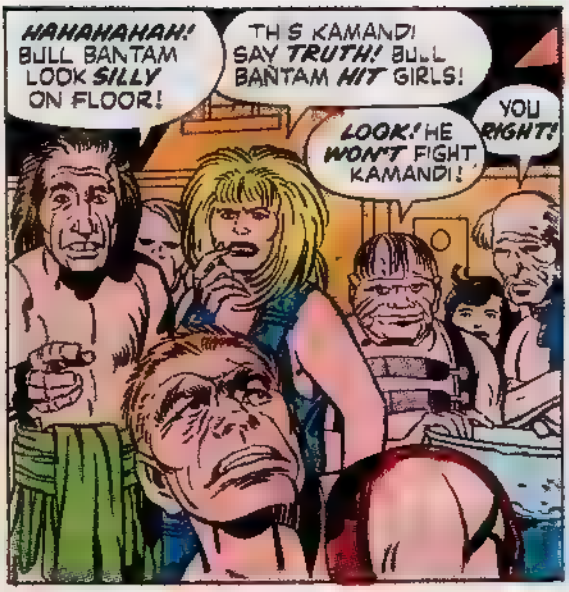
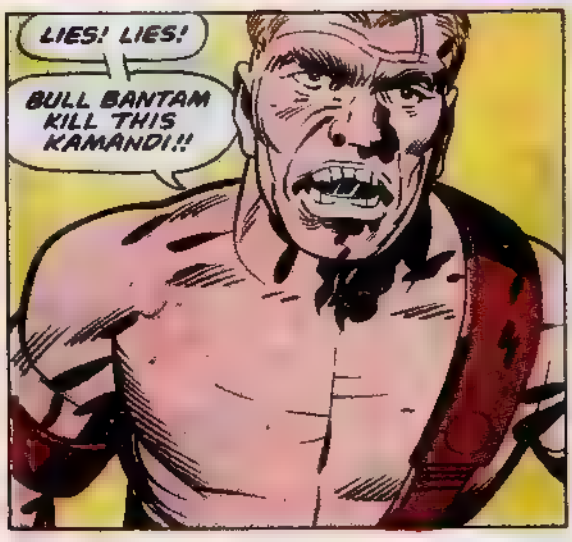
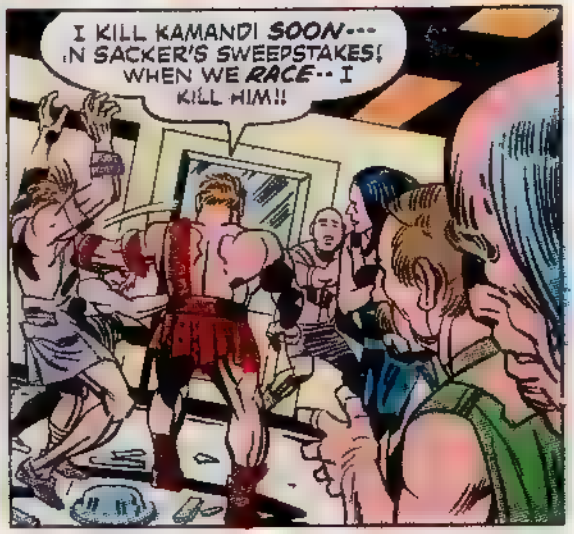
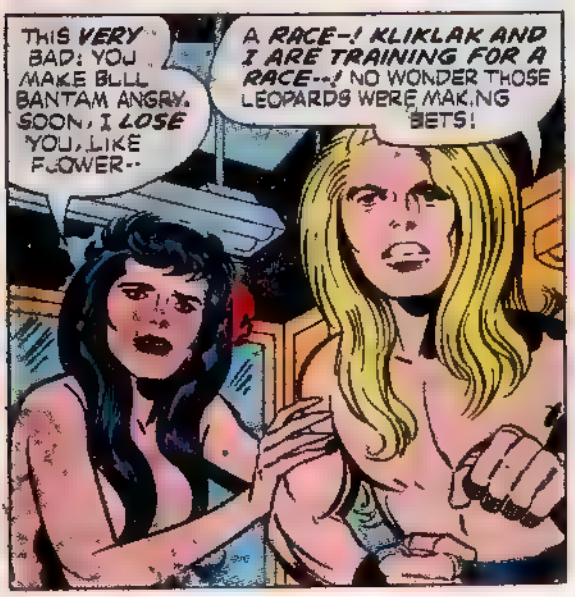
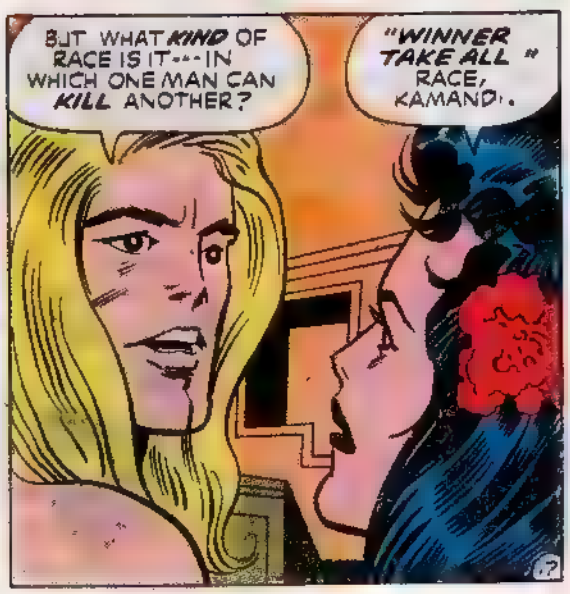

BULL BANTAM LIES DAZED AND ASTONISHED: KAMANDI HAS CHALLENGED HIS LEADERSHIP!
GET UP, BULL! --SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT A MAN-- INSTEAD OF A YOUNG GIRL, YOU COWARD!
YOU-- YOU DARE HIT BULL BANTAM--?

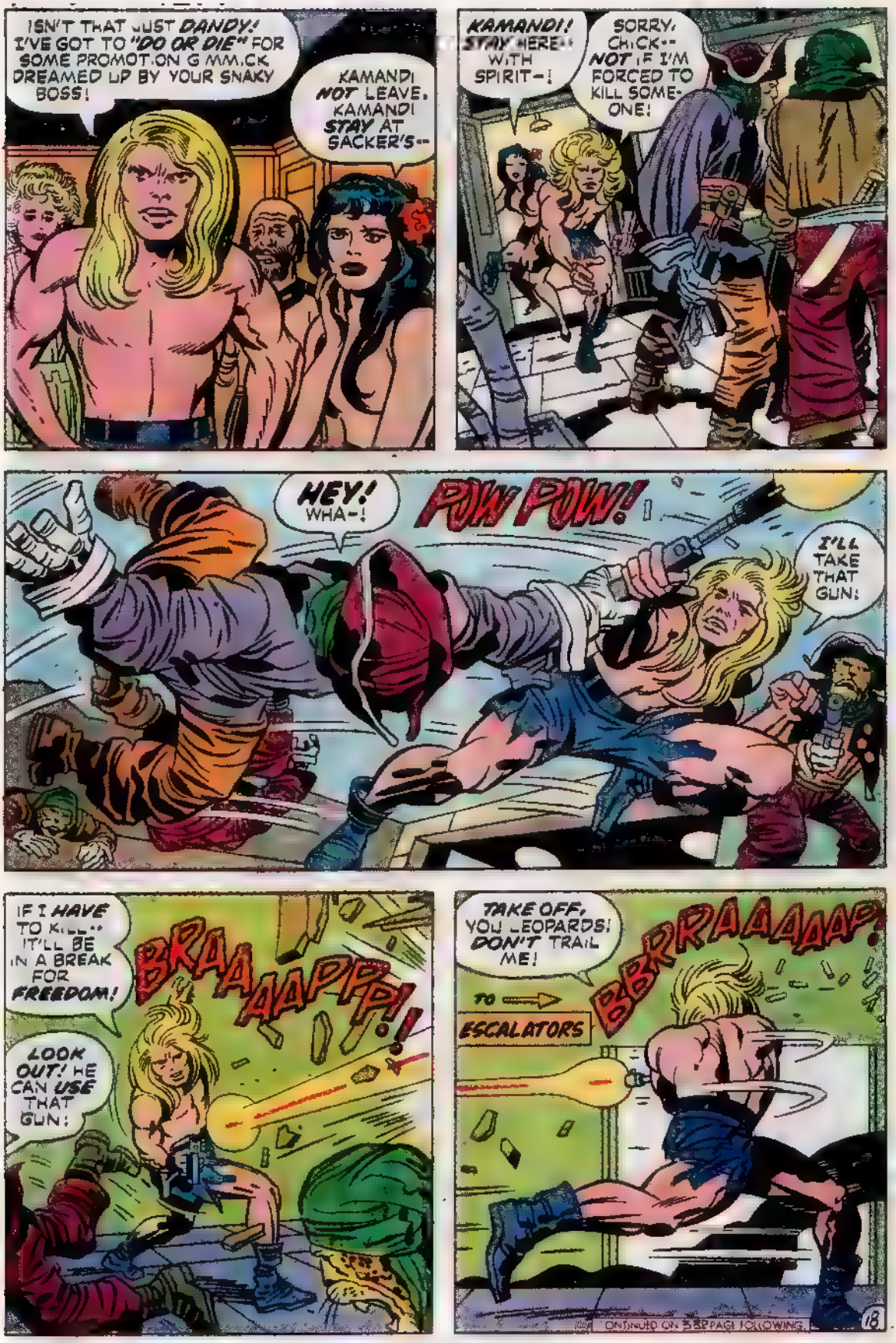

HAHAHAHAH! BULL BANTAM LOOK SILLY ON FLOOR!
TH S KAMANDI SAY TRUTH! BULL BANTAM HIT GIRLS!
LOOK! HE WON'T FIGHT KAMANDI!
YOU RIGHT!


LIES! LIES!
BULL BANTAM KILL THIS KAMANDI!!


I KILL KAMANDI SOON--- IN SACKER'S SWEEPSTAKES! WHEN WE RACE-- I KILL HIM!!


THIS VERY BAD! YOU MAKE BULL BANTAM ANGRY. SOON, I LOSE YOU, LIKE FLOWER--
A RACE--! KLIKLAK AND I ARE TRAINING FOR A RACE--! NO WONDER THOSE LEOPARDS WERE MAKING BETS!


BUT WHAT KIND OF RACE IS IT--- IN WHICH ONE MAN CAN KILL ANOTHER?
"WINNER TAKE ALL" RACE, KAMANDI.


ISN'T THAT JUST DANDY! I'VE GOT TO "DO OR DIE" FOR SOME PROMOTION GIMMICK DREAMED UP BY YOUR SNAKY BOSS!
KAMANDI NOT LEAVE, KAMANDI STAY AT SACKER'S--
KAMANDI! STAY HERE WITH SPIRIT--!
SORRY, CHICK-- NOT IF I'M FORCED TO KILL SOMEONE!
HEY! WHA--!
POW POW!
I'LL TAKE THAT GUN!
IF I HAVE TO KILL-- IT'LL BE IN A BREAK FOR FREEDOM!
BRAAAAPPP!!
LOOK OUT! HE CAN USE THAT GUN!
TAKE OFF, YOU LEOPARDS! DON'T TRAIL ME!
TO ESCALATORS
BRRRAAAAAP!
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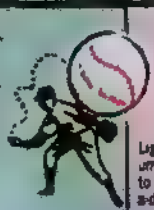

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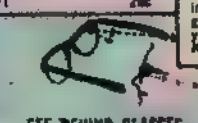

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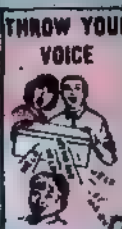

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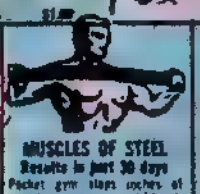

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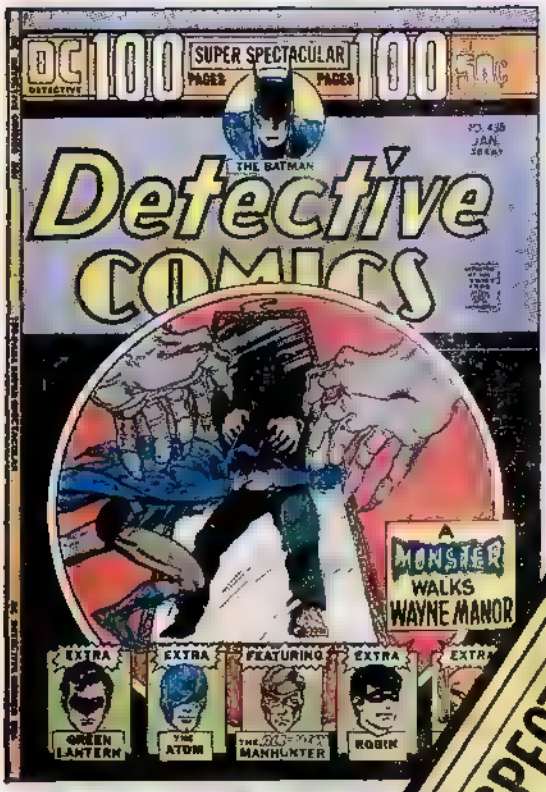

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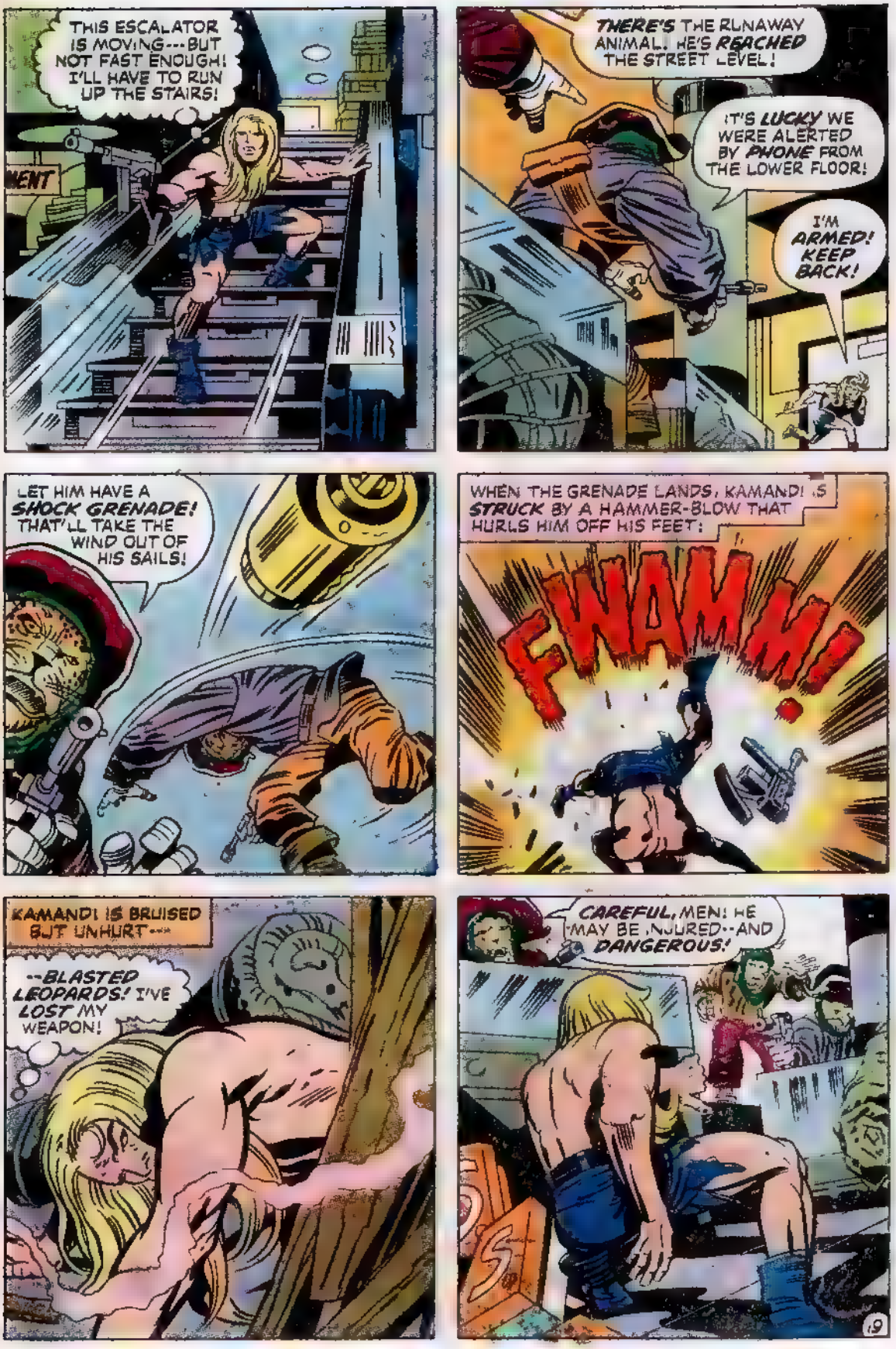
THIS ESCALATOR IS MOVING---BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH! I'LL HAVE TO RUN UP THE STAIRS!
THERE'S THE RUNAWAY ANIMAL! HE'S REACHED THE STREET LEVEL!
IT'S LUCKY WE WERE ALERTED BY PHONE FROM THE LOWER FLOOR!
I'M ARMED! KEEP BACK!
LET HIM HAVE A SHOCK GRENADE! THAT'LL TAKE THE WIND OUT OF HIS SAILS!
WHEN THE GRENADE LANDS, KAMANDI IS STRUCK BY A HAMMER-BLOW THAT HURLS HIM OFF HIS FEET:
FWAM!
KAMANDI IS BRUISED BUT UNHURT--
--BLASTED LEOPARDS! I'VE LOST MY WEAPON!
CAREFUL, MEN! HE MAY BE INJURED--AND DANGEROUS!
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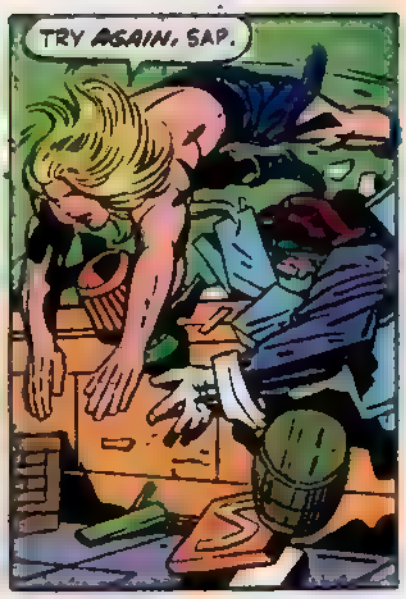
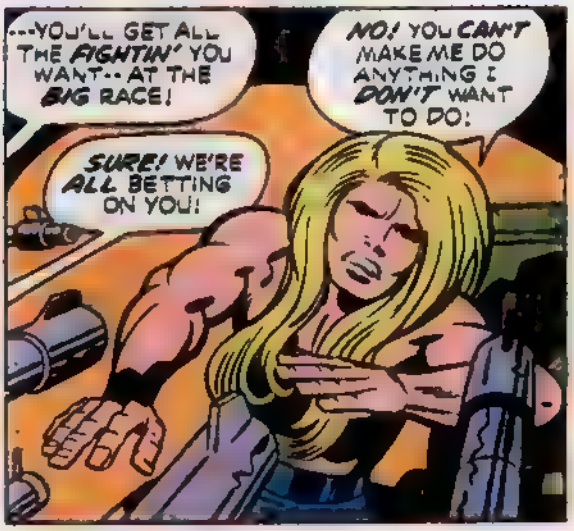
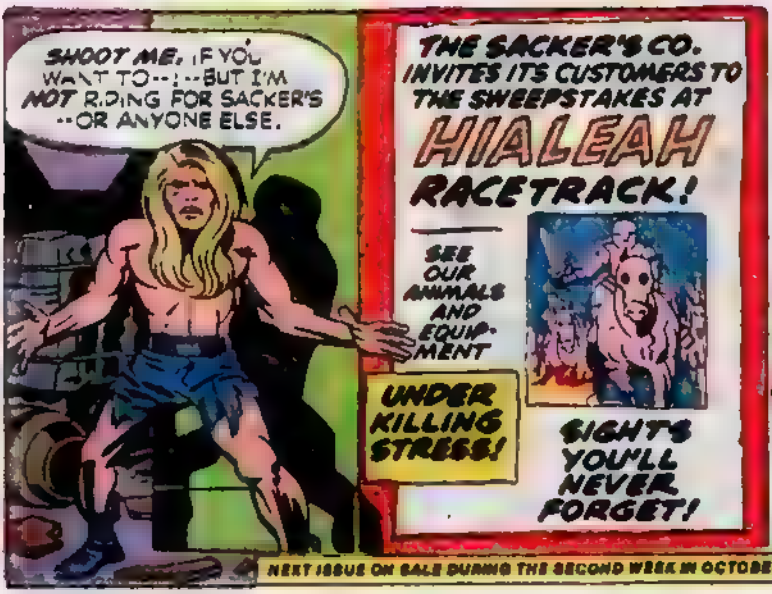



---YOU'LL GET ALL THE FIGHTIN' YOU WANT-- AT THE BIG RACE!
NO! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DO ANYTHING I DON'T WANT TO DO!
SURE! WE'RE ALL BETTING ON YOU!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Dear Jack, Mike and Steve,

At the first sight of the cover of KAMANDI #7, I knew how the issue would end. I expected the whole King Kong saga to be revised in this story of the far flung future. But even though everything I read I had basically anticipated, your rendition of King Kong still turned out to be a better story than the cover itself revealed.

The Plot was simple and refreshing. There were no insidious technicalities involved to trip over and confuse the reader. Despite the fact that the basic structure of the story was less than original, #7 of Kamandi still shone forth with its usual excellent quality.

Stephen Barrington, Chickasaw, Ala.

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Dear Jack and Steve,

There is no doubt about it, KAMANDI #7 was the best issue yet! From the terrific cover (and it was!) to the last panel, the issue moved smoothly and really held my interest, due to a better than ever Kirby.

Your reworking of a certain story came off real well, and your art was better than ever. But, please, give us some new characters next issue—Don't write the present ones off, just put them in storage for a while.

Greg Sims, Fairfax, Va.

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Dear Jack, Mike and Steve,

Issue seven of KAMANDI was the *funniest* thing I've read in a long time. As I read it, I thought, "Boy, Jack, have you got nerve!"

And that last line—"Even the Ancients, with their imaginative movies, couldn't have produced anything like *this!*" Oh, man! I laughed for five minutes at that!

Well, I suppose that with all of those apes running around, you couldn't resist. I don't think *I* could, either.

Scott M. Davis, Cincinnati, O.

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Dear Mr. Kirby,

I just received KAMANDI #7 and after reading it, was truly disappointed. The story was too similar to issue #3. The plot, although entertaining, turned me off. Kamandi is in a unique situation being the last boy on Earth. The story in number seven could have been used in just about any of National's books. I hope the story will be atypical for Kamandi and is not an indicator of issues to come.

The one basic gripe I have about the series as a whole is the blatant lack of subplots. It has now been seven issues since Kamandi came out and as of yet, we really don't know much about him. He is strictly a one-dimensional character.

In closing, I would like to mention that Mike Royer's inking was unusual this issue—it was good! Hopefully, he is now catching on. Kirby's artwork was, as usual, tremendous. It is easily the best in comics.

Yocel Alonso, Houston, Tex.

Issue #7 of this book elicited quite a response from the readership. Different in some respects than one we're used to seeing. Usually there's no discernible age median from issue to issue, meaning that for any given story, the critical mail will have just about the same number of older and younger readers liking a story—or disliking it, with age not coming into the picture. Issue seven, on the other hand, caused a definite division between age groups, with a large majority of our "older" readers vehemently rejecting the issue, while the younger readers wholly enjoyed it. Scott Davis was one of the few of our "regular critics" who seemed to catch on to what Jack had in mind, and took the issue for what it was—a parody. Perhaps not as subtle as some of Jack's other attempts, but all in all, it's the type of "twist" that Jack likes to throw in once in a while. Since issue six was a rather "downbeat" story, Jack wanted to do something that would be lighter, but still have some meaning. It provided a good segue to the following issues. All of the letters were quite interesting and we thank you for them.

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Dear Jack,

Concerning the question of horses in Kamandi's environment, I would like to make a few comments. The concept of talking horses makes me think of Jonathan Swift's Houyhnhnms rather than (ugh!) Quick-Draw McGraw. Certainly, Swift's creations are more dignified and more worthy of comparison to a serious work of science fiction, such as Kamandi.

Actually, there are a number of similarities between Kamandi and *Gulliver's Travels*. Kamandi, like Gulliver, is a lone human, exploring a strange world. Both encounter several unusual civilizations, yet remain outsiders. In both works, a statement about man's place in the universe is made, although the content of these statements is different. Both works contain suggestions that man is not the most perfect creature in the world. (Man may be able to rebuild his civilization in Kamandi's world, but he will still be only one of several equally intelligent species.) Thus the analogy with *Gulliver's Travels* should have been more apparent and the suggestion of a civilization of horses should not have been treated with disdain.

Of course, you stated the most obvious reason for leaving the horses with an animal's mentality: that they can be beasts of burden for the humanoid animals and you can draw upon the romanticism associated with riders on horseback. However, this does not have to preclude the existence of a society of talking horses. Why not have horses exist simultaneously as animals and as humanoids? I think you could create some very interesting situations with such an arrangement. After all, normal horses and Houyhnhnms both existed in Gulliver's world.

Karl G. Heinemann, Philadelphia, Pa.

Actually, Karl, when the statement was made, we didn't mean to cast aspersions (or asparagus) on Kamandi, horses, or even, for that matter, Quick-Draw. The treatment of horses in KAMANDI may be traceable to the fact that Jack used to be in charge of the "shovel detail" when his daughter kept a horse in a corral—situated directly in line with Jack's studio window. It may be his way of getting even. Seriously, you hit on the answer in the third paragraph of your letter. Think of the many visual adaptations that have been done of Gulliver, *and you'll see that the aspect of intelligent horses is invariably left out.*

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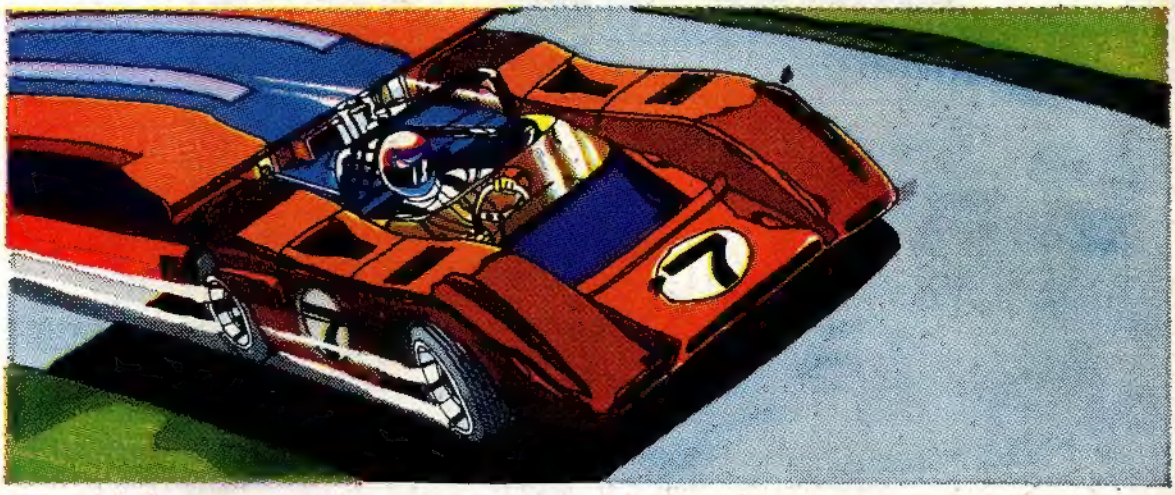

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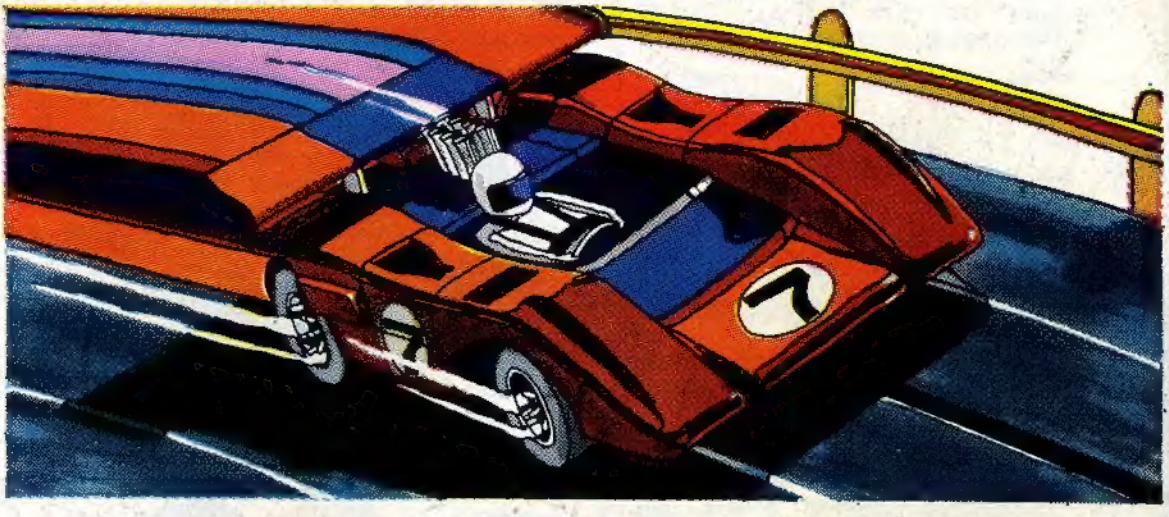

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